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Funding to recruit nurses for hospitals

EXTRA funding has been provided to hospital bosses in Wales to recruit more nurses which could mean more jobs at Chirk and Welshpool.

The Welsh Government has announced an extra £10 million for health boards, providing nearly 300 new posts.

Health Minister Mark Drakeford said the additional funding would allow the NHS in Wales to recruit the medical and surgical ward nurses needed for the future.

An extra £2.2 million will go to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board which is responsible for Chirk Community Hospital and Powys Local Health Board, which is responsible for Welshpool Hospital, will get £400,000.

The announcement was made during a debate in the National Assembly for Wales on the Welsh Government's response to the Francis report on the Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust.

Mark Drakeford said: "Safe and compassionate care clearly can't be measured simply by systems and measurements."

"Staff are the greatest resource of the NHS and the staffing we need for the future has to match changing patterns of need."

The funding will be recurrent. It is expected to fund in the region of 290 posts.

Crash worry grass is cut

GRASS on a busy junction which had been allowed to grow to more than 5ft (1.5m) tall has finally been given the chop - after local residents complained it was dangerous because it blocked drivers' vision.

The grass at the junction of the A483 with Briggs Lane in Pant, between Oswestry and Welshpool, was branded "an accident waiting to happen" by members of Llanyrnystec and Pant Parish Council, who claimed it obstructed the view for cars trying to turn out on to the main road.

NHS CHIEFS' FEARS OVER 111 SERVICE

UNCERTAINTY over who will run an out-of-hours health hotline serving the Oswestry area means it remains a "high risk" concern to NHS chiefs, a health meeting in the town has been told.

Yesterday's Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) met in Oswestry and heard there was still uncertainty about how the service will be run in the future. Worries over the introduction of the new NHS 111 Direct telephone service were first voiced by Oswestry GPs in January who were concerned it would lead to more patients having to go to A&E for treatment and put extra pressure on ambulance crews.

by Iain St John

Campaign to safeguard fire station

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to save a village fire station which is threatened with closure.

The Save Baschurch Fire Station campaign has more than 700 friends on its Facebook page so far.

Its station manager, Brian Welti, has appealed for help in pinpointing fire risk areas while the crew is putting together its impact assessment to go to the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

He said there were five "major life risk" sites within the Baschurch fire station cover area which includes Ruyton-XI-Towns, Knockin, Melverley, Petton and Myddle.

These are the PGL adventure centre in the village which can have up to 950 people on site, Walford College and Adcote and Packwood Haugh schools which have boarders. The area also includes one of the worst accident black spots in Shropshire at Shotatton cross roads on the A5, he said.

"If you take the PGL centre, if there were a fire it would take up to 14 minutes for Baschurch crew to arrive taking into account the six minute response time which could be shorter. If Baschurch station was to close it would take 26 minutes for a crew from Shrewsbury to arrive, up to 27 for Ellesmere and up to 29 from Oswestry," he added.

The impact assessment will be looked at by service bosses after July 19.

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Oswestry town councillors also raised fears that the new set-up would not be able to cope with high demand.

The service was launched in the spring but proved unsuccessful and has since been bailed out by the GP-led Shropdoc service.

A report to the group said: "Whilst immediate risks continue to be addressed by retaining the Shropdoc service in the short term up to September, the future arrangements beyond that for provision of the 111 service have still to be agreed."

"Proposals have been submitted to the region on this at the end of June and we await a response."

"It was agreed that for now at least this should remain a high risk."

Also flagged up among the current risks facing health providers and patients in Shropshire is the number of people waiting for more than a year for spinal treatment at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital (ROAH), the report to yesterday's meeting said.

NHS regulator Monitor has launched an investigation into why some waiting list targets are being missed at the award-winning hospital.

The CCG report said: "They are all spinal patients and the ROAH are working extremely hard to reduce this backlog but nationally spinal capacity is a problem and there is no opportunity for patients to be treated elsewhere."

"These patients are clinically reviewed on a regular basis to minimise any risk of harm due to the long waits."

Dr Julie Davies, director of strategy at the CCG, told yesterday's meeting there were 100 patients waiting for spinal surgery at the hospital nine months ago.

She said the figure was now down to 43 and the hospital was confident it would be down to seven patients by the end of September.

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Food festival hits town



Libby Gliksmann from Upstairs Downstairs ahead of the cookery workshops being held as part of the Oswestry Food Festival. Picture: Laura Duffield.

ORGANISERS of Oswestry Food and Drink Festival hope this weekend's event will provide a massive boost to traders - after admitting retailing levels in the town are as "bad as they have ever been."

More than 10,000 people are expected to pack the town centre for the weekend foodie extravaganza on Saturday and Sunday.

Town centre streets will be closed off and filled with up to 50 stalls full of the best produce from the area.

Businessman Yossi Gliksmann, who runs the Upstairs Downstairs cookery and tableware shop which will be hosting cookery demonstrations, said the event presented a vital marketing opportunity to every business.

He said: "We as a business are being proactive. We will be launching our new cookery workshops during the festival."

"We believe the new workshops will not only be good for our business but for Oswestry as a whole because we think they will bring people into the town."

"Even if shops and businesses are not open on both days they can still take advantage of the festival."

"They can give out leaflets, they can tell people who they are and what they do."

"This could be used as a massive marketing exercise for Oswestry and for its traders."

The festival has grown significantly in the last seven years and is now seen as the key highlight of the town's summer programme of events.

Expanding firm could create up to 50 jobs

A WELSHPOOL company has announced an ambitious expansion programme that could create up to 50 new jobs.

Variable speed drives manufacturer Invertek Drives is targeting a near 20 per cent uplift in turnover during 2013, and has forecasted an accelerated growth over the next five years after securing a £2.5 million finance package from HSBC.

The firm, which currently employs 150 staff at its Welshpool HQ, is also in talks with the Welsh Government about expanding its existing base to enable it to manufacture 1,000 units per day, up from 500 units, and hopes to be in its expanded premises by 2015.

Operations Director Charles Haspel said: "We have invested heavily in innovation in recent years and are very excited about the potential of the current product portfolio."

"We are now in a position to drive sales within our key global markets and expect turnover to be around 20 per cent higher this year."

Mr Haspel said the company expects turnover to increase to £16.7m this year, up from £14m in 2012, with the five-year turnover target being in excess of £30m. Invertek's key markets include the USA, Brazil, China, Australia, Germany and Spain.

Meet police at surgeries

POLICE around Oswestry will be holding a series of PACT surgeries over the next three weeks.

On July 17, the surgery will be at Oswestry Library at 11am and Oswestry Leisure Centre at 2pm.

The following week, on July 25 the team will be at St Martin's Community Centre at 6pm, then at Weston Rhyn Institute at 7pm.

On August 7 a surgery will be held outside Kinnerley Village Hall at 7pm.

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Regulator to examine hospital waiting times

by Pam Griffin

AN investigation has been launched into Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital after it failed to reduce patient waiting times.

The investigation is being carried out by health sector regulator Monitor after it found more than 800 patients were having to wait more than 18 weeks for treatment.

Regulators will be looking into management at the hospital, in Gobowen, after what they deemed to be "the persistent failure of the hospital trust to prevent patients having to wait more than 18 weeks for treatment".

During the investigation, Monitor will look into whether the trust has breached the conditions of its licence.

Adam Cayley, regional director at Monitor, said: "The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has a strong reputation and we have no evidence the trust is providing poor quality of care.

"Its small size and the specialist nature of what it does mean it could have difficulty in meeting referral to treatment targets.

However it has twice failed to fully implement a recovery plan and, despite some significant progress having been made, it is still failing to meet its target to reduce the number of patients waiting over 18 weeks."

Although Mr Cayley said the hospital was now treating a larger number of patients within 18 weeks, it has not been able to reduce the backlog as quickly as it had planned.

Wendy Farrington Chadd, Chief Executive at hospital trust, said: "The hospital has made considerable progress.

"Some of our services are extremely specialist and no longer undertaken in other hospitals locally which have led to increased referrals to our hospital."

The boards are being established as part of Shropshire Council's move to a commissioning authority, the councillors were told.

Task forces to look at drug abuse problems

TASK forces will be set up to tackle drug abuse in Oswestry and to create job opportunities in the town.

Town councillors have been told two new governance boards will be established to look at how improved "joined up working" can look at the deep-seated problems.

They were told substance abuse will be one of the key topics to be investigated because of Oswestry's links with party drug GHB.

The town became known as the national hotspot for the drug two years ago, sparking a major police operation and several arrests.

How partnership working can prevent a similar rise in drug use in the town will be examined by the new governance board and Oswestry's retailing downturn will be examined by a second governance board, town councillors were told at a meeting on Wednesday night.

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Nellie was 38th oldest in UK



Nellie Smales celebrates her 107th birthday on August 30, 2011.



Nellie Smales with son Geoffrey, aged eight, at their home in Torquay.

Son pays tribute as his mother dies aged 108

ONE OF the oldest women in the UK has died, just a month before her 109th birthday, at her home in Morda.

Nellie Smales, who would have been 109 in August, was the 38th oldest person in the UK.

She died on July 3 at Brook House Residential Home, Morda, near Oswestry.

Her only child Geoffrey, 83, said his mother had never been ill, even when she passed her century, and died of old age.

"She had TB as a child, but then she went to an open air school and never had an illness since. She never even had a broken bone," he said.

Mrs Smales was born in Barnsley in 1904, where she grew up. She married in 1928,

when she was 24, and she and her husband Clifford moved to Torquay shortly after the birth of Geoffrey.

After her husband's death, Mrs Smales continued to live alone until she was 99.

Just before her 100th birthday, Mrs Smales decided to move to Oswestry to be near her family - Geoffrey, who was a maths teacher at Moreton Hall School, his wife Mary, their two adopted children Andrew and Margaret, and Margaret's husband Dave and their two children Matthew and Megan, now aged 13 and eight.

Mrs Smales' funeral takes place today (Thursday) at Pentrebychan Crematorium in Wrexham at 11am.

Tourism blueprint highlights vital issues

BETTER vehicle parking, signposting and the long term security of public toilets are vital if Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley are to feature in a new regional tourism plan.

The area, including the world heritage site of the canal, which reaches the Shropshire border, is to form a major part of a new tourism destination management scheme.

The Chirk and Ceiriog Valley Partnership is linking up with the county borough council to see how the area can play a key role in tourism.

Members of the partnership tourism sub-group met with Joe Bickerton from Wrexham County Borough Council this week in the new Glyn Wylfa tourism centre in Chirk.

Vice chairman Christine Ashford said: "There were a range of topics discussed relating to tourism issues in Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley.

"In listing the priorities highway maintenance and parking issues were to the forefront, along with basic infrastructure and amenities such as the provision of toilets and signage.

"There is a need to get the simple things right so that the customer is satisfied with the product.

"Our area is seen by Wrexham as a major part of the councils 'Destination Management Initiative' and Mr Bickerton is keen to meet with Partnership members on a regular basis."

She said that one concern of the partnership was that there was no where in Chirk for coach parking.

The next meeting of the partnership will be on Tuesday in Glyn Ceiriog and there are plans for a public meeting in the near future.

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Musical recruits sought by orchestra

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Effie Cadwallader, orchestra secretary, said: "This is an opportunity to share good music with friendly players under the expert guidance of conductor Richard Adamson."

"We are particularly on the lookout for strings and brass, but there are one or two openings for woodwind too."

"Runmage in the cupboard under the stairs, blow off the dust and come and have a go."

"Music and stands are provided, a warm welcome can be expected, and there is an interval for a cuppa in the middle."

Rehearsals are on Friday evenings in the parish centre at the rear of St Oswalds Church in Oswestry, starting at 7.15pm and running for about two hours.

For more information visit www.oswestrysinfonia.co.uk or call Effie on (01691) 777767.

Teenager admits GBH fight charge

AN Oswestry teenager has admitted to a charge of committing grievous bodily harm.

Karl Leaver, 19, of Gittin Street, Oswestry, admitted the charge at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday.

It was in connection with a fight that occurred on New Year's Day.

He will return to court to be sentenced in the week of July 29.

Driver, 84, 'is struggling to deal with death crash'

AN 84-year-old who caused the death of a motorcyclist on a main road near Welshpool has been struggling to come to terms with the magnitude of the offence, a court heard.

Geoffrey Humphries, from Manafon, near Welshpool, was turning right off the main A483 at Berriew, near Welshpool, when he hit a Kawasaki motorcycle being ridden by Simon Kerridge-Judd, killing him.

Humphries, who had admitted a charge of causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving at an earlier hearing, appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday for sentencing.

In addition to the driving ban, he was placed on a 12-month community order with supervision from probation and ordered to carry out an extended re-test before he can have his licence back.

He was also told to pay £250 costs and a £60 victim surcharge.

The court heard how Humphries had been driving along the A483 in a Peugeot camper van on October 17 last year from the Welshpool direction towards Newtown.

He went to turn right towards the village of Berriew on to the B4390 but failed to see coming the other way the motorcycle which was being ridden by Mr Kerridge-Judd, who was from Trewern, near Welshpool.

Mrs Helen Tench, prosecuting, said eyewitnesses saw Humphries, who was travelling at about 45mph, pulling into the right turning bay, slowing down to about 5mph.

Mrs Tench said officers visited Humphries later at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital where he told them "he just came out of nowhere" and remembered little of it other than people fighting to get the doors of his camper van open to see if he was okay.

Mr Jonathan Veasey-Pugh, for Humphries, said his client suffered a broken sternum and other injuries.

Mr Veasey-Pugh said: "Nothing I can say can take away from the tragedy of that day. My client entered a guilty plea and this has also affected him hugely."

"He has been suffering flashbacks, took out adverts in local papers saying sorry to the family and, at 84, is a man of truly good character who has had a completely clean licence in the 60 years he has held one."

Country concerts TOP country and western act The Hales are appearing in Welshpool twice next week. They will be on stage at Welshpool Town Hall on Saturday, July 20 and at The Royal Oak Hotel the following night.

Tickets are £12.50 from Rainbow Records in the market hall or call 01686 640557.

by Andrew Morris

Woman with savings in false benefits claim

A WELSHPOOL woman who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis falsely claimed almost £15,000 in benefits.

Tracey Martin, 49, of Oldford View, Welshpool, claimed £12,351.99 in housing benefit and £2,503.71 of council tax benefit from Powys County Council that she was not entitled to.

Martin appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday where she admitted a charge of failing to notify Powys County Council of a change in circumstances relating to housing and council tax benefit between November 26, 2007 and October 23, 2011.

The court heard how she had more than £45,000 in savings spread across three bank accounts which would have affected the amount of benefit she was receiving.

Magistrates fined Martin, who had already re-paid everything she owes the council, £520 and ordered her to pay £250 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mr Nigel Vaughan, prosecuting on behalf of Powys County Council, said: "We had a referral from the Department of Work and Pensions that the claim needed investigating and we called the defendant in under caution for an interview."

"It was discovered during the meeting that she had failed to declare substantial savings when she claimed for the benefits."

She said in interview she had put the money aside to help with funeral costs or nursing home care.

Judging for young growers



Alice Williams, Troy Norton and Lilly Jones, pupils from Woodside School, Oswestry preparing for the arrival of Heart of England in Bloom judges. Picture: Laura Duffield.

YOUNG gardeners have been putting the final touches to their school garden ahead of the Oswestry in Bloom competition.

The competition will be judged on Monday and Tuesday by county horticulturalist Margaret Thrower, with 85 gardeners hoping to impress her with their gardens, balconies, patios and shop windows.

Pupils at Woodside School have been busy tending their vegetable patch as they hope to win a prize in the "best school edible produce" category.

The youngsters have spent the past year tending a vegetable garden, which is now home to thriving potato plants, spinach and rhubarb.

They also have a greenhouse in which they have grown tomato plants and planted up hanging baskets ready to display around the school.

Louise Humphreys, who is helping to organise the competition at Oswestry Town Council, said: "The entries have come in fantastically across the board - front gardens, back gardens, patios, and schools. It's going to take a full day and a half to judge them all."

"We've had a lot of interest and it's been fantastic to see so many entries come in."

Oswestry in Bloom will be judged in 14 categories, with young people being encouraged to dig in and get their hands dirty as well, as they bid for the best kept school and best school edible produce prizes.

Last year, Oswestry School scooped top honours for best kept school and won a special prize for their wildlife garden, while Holy Trinity C of E Primary School won the award for an outstanding work by young people.

NEWS

in brief

Bard's classic in the great outdoors

AN open-air production of one of Shakespeare's best-loved plays is coming to Oswestry this week.

Actors of all ages and experience are coming together for a major production of Much Ado About Nothing, the bard's famous tale full of court politics, honour, shame and laughter. It is packed with comedy, drama and romance, with dancing, singing and live music.

The play is being performed at Ye Olde Vaults by The Oswestry Drama Project, a community theatre group and is their second production. Last summer they staged a very successful production of The Tempest.

The play runs from today (Thursday) to Sunday and tickets, £6 (under 16s free), are available now from Ye Olde Vaults.

Messy dog owners face prosecution

DOG owners in Llanfyllin are being warned to pick up their pets' mess or face being prosecuted.

Llanfyllin's neighbourhood policing team has pledged to crack down on owners who don't pick up after their dogs and has launched a new campaign: "Pick it up or be picked up."

The move follows recent complaints to the police about the amount of dog mess around the village.

A spokesman for Dyfed-Powys Police said: "Llanfyllin NPT will now be reporting any persons not cleaning up after their dog to Powys County Council environmental health service for prosecution."

Crafty meet-up

INSPIRE, the Welshpool based cancer support group, is holding a craft evening and get together ion Wednesday between 7pm and 9pm at the Catholic Church.

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Music will celebrate history of a village's silver band

A NEW piece of music is to be written celebrating the history of a village band.

The Porthywaen Silver Band began in the village near Oswestry as an accompaniment to the local choir.

Today it has flourishing beginners, youth and seniors sections and recently hosted a workshop by the famous Black Dyke band.

The workshop was part of a project funded by a £5,000 grant from the BBC.

It will culminate in a concert in September which will be the premier of the new composition.

by Sue Austin

Children on the march to help charities

MORE than 700 pupils will be forsaking their lessons on Monday to march for charity.

Youngsters from The Marches School in Oswestry will be taking to the streets in a bid to raise £2,000 for various charities they have chosen.

The walk, which has been named Marching Marches, is aiming to raise between £1,000-£2,000, and will see 721 pupils, accompanied by staff, set off on the 6.5 mile walk on Monday morning. The route will take them through Oswestry, up towards the Old Racecourse and then back down to the school through countryside and forests.

The money will be going to B-eat, Evie's Dream, Hope House, Cancer Research UK, Oswestry orthopaedic hospital's bone cancer centre appeal, and Child Reach UK.

Adam Butler, Porthywaen spokesman said: "The aim of the project is to commission a composer to write a new piece of music, which is to be played by the beginners, youth and senior bands."

"The idea is that the music will be inspired by the history and longevity of the band and celebrate the family atmosphere that exists between all the groups."

He said he hoped the coming months would inspire musicians to work more closely with each other, to become more creative and create a celebration event that will bring together the band and the community.

"We would like to work more closely with the community and give opportunities for people to make music."

Some band members will work alongside the composer to provide ideas and feedback. The finished composition will be performed at a special concert on September 28.

The band began in the 1920s when the Llyncllys Hill Male Voice Choir was accompanied on cornet by a Mr Len Evans.

Mr Evans then trained two local men, Arthur Davies and Doug Lloyd, to play brass and accompany him with the choir soon joined by Cyril Gillham, a flute player.

The choir ceased to exist in 1934 but interest in the quartet was strong and a meeting in 1934 at a disused office at the Llyncllys Hill Lime Works saw the beginnings of the Porthywaen Silver Band.

Pupils' poems put in book



Holy Trinity C of E Primary in Oswestry celebrate the publication of poems pupils have written, seen here are Josh Schrader, Chloe Morley and Oliver Dann. Picture: Laura Duffield.

A GROUP of budding Wordsworths have been celebrating seeing their names in print after having their scribbles published into a poetry book.

The pupils from Holy Trinity CE Primary School in Oswestry were thrilled to be presented with copies of the poetry anthology after their class teacher, Julie Hutson, put their work forward for publication.

Miss Hutson said: "As part of literacy, Year 5 and 6 children have been focus-

ing on poetry. As a result, their work was entered into the Young Writers 'The Power of Poetry' competition.

"The children have used a mix of imagination, expression and a variety of poetic styles to gain recognition as young, up and coming poets."

Competition winners will be announced later this year with book tokens for the pupils and cash prizes for the school. Every pupil who entered will get a certificate and a bookmark.

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Staff tackle burglar to the ground after theft at hotel

BRAVE staff tackled a burglar to the ground as he made off with hundreds of pounds worth of alcohol he stole from their Oswestry hotel in a midnight raid.

Workers at the Wynnstey Hotel in Church Street, Oswestry chased heroin user Christopher Price after he made off with several bottles of spirits taken from the business. They managed to restrain him until police arrived.

Price, who has 37 previous dishonesty offences to his name, was jailed for 18 weeks last Friday at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court – less than 24 hours after committing the offence at 11.45pm on Thursday night.

The defendant admitted stealing bottles of alcohol and serving accessories to the value of £242.

Price, 37, of The Willows, West Felton, had been spotted walking away from the hotel carrying a large cardboard box by the manager and assistant manager.

They gave chase and with the help of another member of staff restrained him on the ground.

Four bottles of spirits were found in the defendant's top, while in the box were bottles of port, Southern Comfort and Martini with a total value of £125, as well as ice buckets.

All of the goods, with the exception of one bottle of Martini that smashed as Price was tackled to the ground, were returned to the hotel.

Ian Durant, defending Price, said his client had a drugs problem, with many of his previous offences related to shoplifting.

Magistrate Anna Turner said the court had no option but to impose a custodial sentence given Price's substantial criminal record.

"We have given you credit for your guilty plea," she said. "But for this offence we feel a custodial sentence can only be justified. It was committed very soon after your release from prison."

The entry fee has been held at £20. Call (01691) 671671 or sign up at www.hopehouse.org.uk/events

Chance to join hospice event

CYCLISTS from the region are queuing up to take part in a bike challenge organised by a Shropshire children's hospice.

Bosses at Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda, near Oswestry, say the annual event, on August 11, is an important part of their fundraising calendar.

It challenges cyclists to ride either 56 miles from Hope House to Lake Vyrnwy and back, or 72 miles from Hope House to Lake Bala and Lake Vyrnwy before returning.

It is organised by carer Linda Duncan and medical officer Santi Eslava.

Last year 175 people took part enjoying a day out and raising almost £10,000 to help the hospice provide its vital services to terminally ill local children and their families.

Ms Duncan said: "This year we would dearly love to have more than 200 people taking part."

The entry fee has been held at £20. Call (01691) 671671 or sign up at www.hopehouse.org.uk/events

Blowers was a hit at fundraiser



Henry Blofeld with Oswestry School head, Douglas Robb. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

SPORTS fans got an insight into life in the commentary box when one of the most recognisable voices in British broadcasting entertained guests at a fund-raising dinner at Oswestry School.

Cricket commentator and raconteur Henry Blofeld, known to millions of listeners to the BBC's Test Match Special simply as Blowers, was the guest at the Oswestry School-organised dinner.

Set in a marquee within the school grounds, the dinner saw Mr Blofeld, who has been part of the Test Match Special show since 1972, tell what life was really like behind the sports microphone and beyond.

His wit and repartee entertained guests and diners who also had the chance of a question and answer session at the end of the event.

As he arrived a game of cricket was in full swing on the Oswestry School playing fields. But cricket was not the subject of Mr Blofeld's speech.

Instead he spoke about the people he had encountered during his career in broadcasting and commenting and the comical incidents along the way.

"I don't talk about cricket, I leave that to those who know about it," he joked. "I wouldn't be working harder than I have ever worked at the age of 74 if I did not enjoy public speaking."

Among the guests at the event was England international rugby player Mark Cueto and the Welsh International Eifion Lewis Roberts.

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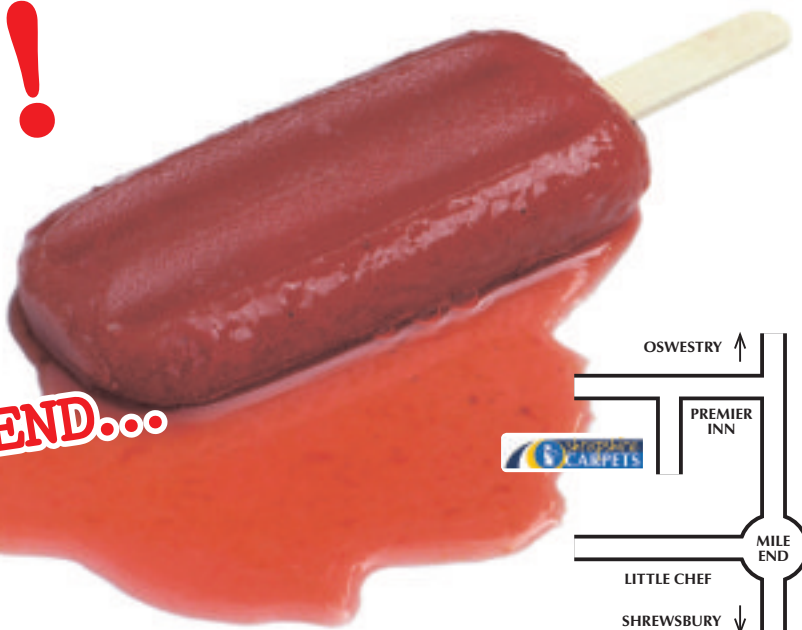
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NEWS**Shoppers urged to support retailers**

SHOPPERS in Oswestry are being urged to support the town's smallest retailers at a time when the number of empty high street shops is at record levels.

Campaigners say every customer can make a difference during Independent Retailers Month, which aims to bring shoppers into town centres.

The campaign in Oswestry is being led by businesswoman and shopkeeper Wendy Unwin, who previously organised successful Take 2 the Streets events in Oswestry which celebrated the work of independent traders.

Mrs Unwin, of The Gates Gifts in Church Street, said Independent Retailers Month events would tie in with a busy July for Oswestry as it prepared for this weekend's seventh annual food and drink festival as well as got ready for the Made on the Borders arts and craft fair on July 20 and the arrival of the Britain in Bloom judges to the town.

She said: "While many do shop for convenience online, or at one-stop centres, there's no substitute for great customer service and that sense of community that comes with shopping close to home, and we want to remind people of that."

Visit www.independentretailersmonth.co.uk/events

Councillors vow to take up health centre access concern

COUNCILLORS are to take up worries over access to Oswestry's new £30 million medical centre with health bosses.

The showpiece centre on off Oswald Road is providing a growing number of new services and is home to the town's minor injuries unit.

But town councillors have urged health bosses to take another look at how people get in and out of the centre, particularly through its busy car park.

Councillor Peter Cherrington said several people had raised the problem of walking through the car park with him. He told a town council amenities committee meeting: "It is a car park you walk across."

by **Iain St John**

Plants project marks growth

A SCHEME to encourage people to grow their own fruit and vegetables is set to spread after funding was granted to launch "Incredible Edible in the 3 Parishes".

The project has been gaining momentum in Oswestry since its launch this year and is now preparing to expand into St Martins, Selatyn, Gobowen and Weston Rhyn.

Maggie Reynolds, who is one of the leaders of the project, is now looking for helpers and planting sites.

Churches in Weston Rhyn and St Martins have already expressed an interest in being involved in the project.

Maggie said: "Incredible Edible is a project that plants food plants into unused areas of the villages."

"This can be anything from herbs in planters to fruit trees and vegetables on spare plots of land. They are then for the use of the people who live there."

To find out more contact Maggie on (01691) 773197.

"There is no safe path through the centre of the car park."

"The car park is just not big enough for the number of people who are trying to access the number of services there."

Councillor Margaret Chamberlain, who uses a motorised scooter to get about, said another problem was there was no easy link for disabled people to use if they were using a path on the adjacent Wilfred Owen Green to get to the medical centre.

She said the path through the green was a "very acceptable" short cut for people to use but there was no wheelchair friendly ramp or slope to reach the medical centre car park.

Councillor Chamberlain said: "There is no slope to be able to get to the centre unless you go back on yourself and to the railway line."

She offered to demonstrate the problem to fellow councillors and agreed to a suggestion by Mayor Chris Schofield to raise the matter with the Oswestry Access Group which campaigns for disabled people.

Councillors also agreed to a suggestion by Councillor Martin Bennett that all their access concerns should be passed on to the Oswestry Health Group for discussion.

The Oswestry Health Group meets regularly and is led by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson. Town and county councillors as well as a variety of health professionals are also part of the group.

Green flag for family fun day

Frank Hulse, volunteer at the Cambrian Heritage Railways in Oswestry, giving the green flag for the family fun day. Picture: Peter Shah.

RAIL enthusiasts in Oswestry are hoping the recent scorching weather continues for a fundraising family fun day.

Volunteers at Cambrian Heritage Railways have been working up a sweat to make sure their two bases are ready to welcome visitors.

Various activities will be run at the group's base at Oswestry and its other base at the nearby village of Llyncllys on July 13.

Proceeds from the day will go towards the group's plans to reopen the rail line from Oswestry to Gobowen.

A Driver for a Fiver deal will be offered at Oswestry, letting visitors take charge of a train for a short trip.

A similar event will be held at Llyncllys, although the cost there for a longer drive will be £10.

The group's Brian Rowe said: "We are looking for some fine weather and hopefully we will have lots of people coming along to support us at both sites."

"We hope as many people as possible will come along and support us."

Pupils get praise for top skills in acting

PUPILS at a town school have received high praise for their acting skills.

Thirty-eight pupils from Oswestry School took part in a programme run by the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

The pupils entered various acting categories and were awarded merits and distinctions. Max Bowker, Laurie Bowen, Josh Winstanley and Owen Jones, Year 6 pupils at Bellan House, performed a first by entering the group devising drama category, never undertaken by pupils at the prep department before.

They wrote, directed, and produced Goosebumps by themselves and received a pass with distinction, Verity Bowen passed her GCSE Bronze Medal Verse and Prose exam with distinction.

This was the first year that Bellan House pupils took part in group acting categories with years 3, 4 and 5 performing excerpts from James and the Giant Peach and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Senior school pupils performed equally well with their solo, group and duologue entries.

Teacher Claire Thompson said: "All pupils worked extremely hard on their respective parts, taking part in LAMDA classes in their own time, so well done on these acting results."

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Hannah Battans, Georgie Ridge, Amy O'Grady, Rhianne Lloyd, Grace Irvine, Olivia Worrall, Cara Hughes and Catherine Gray arrives at The Marches School Prom.



Arriving on a milk cart are Luke Mackenzie, Ed Rogers, Libby Dyke, Phoebe Jones, Rory Jones and Harry Burton.

Prom pupils arrive in style

by Pam Griffin

FROM old fashioned milk carts to a JCB digger, shopping trolleys, a fire engine and Aston Martins, the mode of transport set the tone for a glamorous leavers' prom for students from Oswestry.

The varied modes of transport turned heads as they queued down the drive of the Lion Quays Resort as Year 11 students from Marches School arrived for their leaving party last Friday night.

Parents, relatives, past students and friends all turned up in their hundreds to greet students as they arrived.

More than 150 students attended the event and enjoyed a red carpet style welcome before sitting down to a three course meal, followed by dancing to the school's resident DJ, Dan Deakin.



Alyana Nonah, Ash Beardmore, Correy Swannick and Darcy Gilliam at the Prom.



Alistair Jones, Matt Roberts, Sam Drury and Jordan Tsang arrived in a JCB bucket at The Marches Prom.

The annual event has become a firm favourite on the school calendar, with a large number of both students and staff attending each year.

Event organiser Claire Cass said: "The modes of transport the students arrived in

were amazing. Every year they manage to surprise us and go one better than the previous year. One boy arrived in a shopping trolley pushed by another boy, and one group arrived on the front of a JCB digger.

"The evening went incredibly well and was

thoroughly enjoyed by all. The students put so much effort into planning their outfits and transport; it really was sensational to see. They have been a fantastic year group and we now wish them all the best with their results in August."



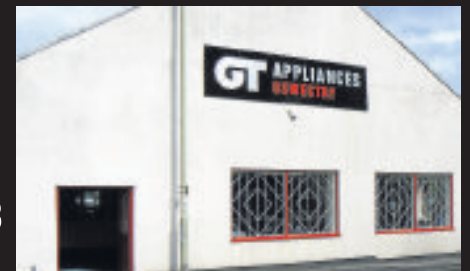
Mollie Hanson, Frances Phillips, Gemma Elliott ready for The Marches Prom.



Sian Blower, Chloe Williams, Chloe Jones and Heidi Jones at The Marches School Prom.

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Euro judges are completely out of tune with UK

JUST how far detached from reality are judges who this week ruled that whole-life tariffs given to three killers breached their human rights?

The ruling by the European Court of Human Rights on Tuesday will now have to be considered by the Government. There is no appeal against this ruling but the Government has six months to consider its response.

The three men are among a group of 49 people in England and Wales who are serving whole-life tariffs and that number includes Mark Bridger, the killer of little April Jones of Machynlleth.

The men claimed that being denied any prospect of release was a violation of Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights – which protects people from inhuman or degrading treatment.

Well forgive me but I don't think I'm alone in thinking that all three lost any

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

with Graham Breeze



rights the day they were convicted of such heinous crimes. One of the three murdered five members of his own family, including his adoptive parents.

If ever there was a case for curtailing the powers of the European Court of Human Rights this is it.

How many other countries across the globe would take any notice of such a ruling? Changes must be made to our human rights laws and let's see the Government curtail the role of the European Court in this country.

We probably have the fairest legal system in the world, so when judges determine that the release of someone presents a threat we have to give them our full backing.

If these European judges are allowed to dictate to us there is a real threat to democracy itself. If anyone out there believes that the evil Mark Bridger has had his human rights breached, let them step forward.

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Tributes have been paid to a former mayor of Montgomery, described as one of her town's "greatest ever champions" by Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies.

Madge Richards, who died last week after a short illness, made a huge contribution to town life serving as mayor on no less than seven occasions. As a budding young reporter I was often given the daunting task of ringing the highly respected Mrs Richards to find out what was going on in Montgomery.

More often than not she would come up

with the goods and you would be presented with a great story. But if she was in a prickly or mischievous mood you would be bluntly told the best way to find out about Montgomery was to be there – not on the phone.

She always wanted Montgomery presented in a positive manner so if you had been running stories which shed even the slightest doubt on the town's credentials you knew you were in for a rollicking.

Montgomery has lost a true stalwart.

TOOK some time out on Sunday to watch Welshpool's veteran footballers brave the heat to clinch a league and cup double.

Hats off to those boys. It's hard enough trying to run at that age and they deserve a lot of credit for dominating the ageing football scene. I'm sure there were some very sore muscles on Monday.

It has to be said that some did seem to be performing pretty well at the bar, after the game, too.

Four boys and a bat head off on Mongolia adventure



Brothers Ross and Tom Preston and friends Nathan Curran, and George Hepworth are taking part in the Mongol Rally in their Suzuki Carry van.

FOUR lads and a cricket bat will set off on the trip of a lifetime this weekend to drive 12,000 miles and visit 17 countries.

The quartet will be setting off on a journey of a lifetime on Saturday when they aim to drive from Maesbrook to Mongolia in a van to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Brothers Ross, 23 and Tom, 21, Preston from Maesbrook, near Oswestry and their friends Nathan Curran, 23 from Ruyton-XI-towns and George Hepworth, 25, from Shrewsbury, are taking part in the Mongol Rally in their Suzuki Carry van.

The journey will last for around eight weeks with their route winding through Europe, taking them through 17 countries and finally ending up in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia at the beginning of September.

As cricket fans they hope to enjoy showing youngsters in the different countries the sport.

by Sue Austin

Ross, a mechanic, said: 'It's a journey I've dreamt of doing and I was really pleased when Tom, Nathan and George agreed to rise to the challenge.'

'We have been planning this for over a year which has not been easy as Nathan and I have been working and Tom and George have been concentrating on University studies. Now we are busy fitting out the van to hold all our personal stuff as well as carrying essential parts, tools and some emergency food for the journey.'

The adventurers want to raise £5,000 for the children's hospital and £500 for the official rally charity Cool Earth.

Their journey will take them across mountains, deserts and seas.

'We meet up with others in Dover and then, after a European briefing in the Czech Republic we are very much left to our own devices,' Tom said.



Tom Preston and George Hepworth are going on a road trip to Mongolia. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

'Getting the visas for all the eastern countries has been a bit of a nightmare but hopefully the last one is being sorted out this week and then we will be more or less ready.'

'We decided on a van, rather than a small car because of the extra leg space and room for supplies.'

Tom said it was his idea to take the

cricket bat along. 'We all play a bit of cricket and thought it would be good to take something for us to do along with us. We also thought it would be fun to enjoy a game with the local children.'

If you want to find out more about their trip or help raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital visit their website www.shropshirelads.com

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- If the search reveals your property is potentially liable for chancel repairs - make no further investigation (as this loses you the option to obtain indemnity insurance).**

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For properties whose title is already registered, even if the PCC has not registered a Notice on the title by 13th October, they may still do so up until a sale of the property. Only after the sale can you be sure the property is not liable for chancel repairs. A gift or transfer for no money will not free the property of the potential liability.

Once a caution/notice has been registered it will not be possible to obtain cheap indemnity insurance for chancel repair liability. If you have concerns, consult your solicitor - and have them arrange for indemnity insurance.

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Shocking extent of evil child labour

I AM a pupil at Morda Primary School. We have been learning about the problem of child labour. I feel very strongly about this issue.

Child labour is detrimental and always will be. I think child labour is a disgraceful thing because children are too young (13-17 years) to work as hard as they do.

They are abused and they are kept in cramped places.

Firstly, innocent children are often very unwell and the cramped, tight places they are kept in can affect their health. It causes damage to the spine, can weaken and cause their delicate lungs to fill to top with lint and wool and affect their breathing. Struggling young people fight off death because if they slow down, they will be beaten. Would you like that?

Although in England school isn't always appreciated by kids, in India it's a whole different story.

To the new generation who are in child labour sometimes they don't ever get the chance to get a glimpse of the outside world! RUGMARK donates money to kids in child labour for them to go to school and have a future. Education means freedom, empowerment and choice. Are you thankful for your education?

Furthermore, the problem of slavery! Thankfully today there's not much of it. The only remaining kind is, unfortunately, child labour! Children are really important to the world, each one of them. However, what you may not know is that in some parts of the world child labour factories are working, but hidden.

Just imagine you're chained to your loom, shared with 14 other workers and you are beaten and abused and you don't know where you are. All you know is that you have to work in a dark, dusty, cramped place to pay off your parents' or carers' debt. How would you feel? All in all it's not about what everyone else is doing it's about what we are going to do?

Buy child labour free rugs; if you can, donate money to RUGMARK for the children so they may go to school; support RUGMARK and help to destroy child labour. I think child labour is a disgraceful invention. Destroy all child labour!

ELENA COLLISON,
10 years old
Oswestry

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SALLY COLLINS
The Cinnamon Trust



Head gardener Eli Roberts tends the border at the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, in July 1971. The hospital was celebrating its golden jubilee and a display of floral lettering near the main gate greeted visitors. It spelt out in flowers: "Robert Jones, 1921, 1971 Agnes Hunt".

Care work pay is very low indeed

PERIPATETIC care workers are a vital part of ensuring the sick and infirm can in their own homes.

Employers are private contractors who generally pay a pittance. Some are expected to provide their own vehicles for mileage which does not cover wear and depreciation. Many do not get paid for travelling between users, which means they can be at work for eight hours and paid for five.

I have asked care home owners to justify disparity between high charges and low pay. If I ask the same of these employers I suspect I will also get no reply.

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Thanks to those who helped after collapse

I WANT to thank everyone who helped my husband when he collapsed in Ellesmere Market on Tuesday. Special thanks to the lady who so quickly called for medical help.

Due to the prompt attention he is now receiving good care at the North Staffs Hospital.

I would also like to thank everyone for their kindness to me.

MARGARET LAWLEY
Ellesmere

Apply Greek worker plan to the BBC

HELLENIC BC, the Greek equivalent of the BBC, was shut down last week. The 2,500 employees sacked and told to reapply for their jobs. We should consider applying this solution to the BBC.

The BBC has more staff than any other broadcaster in the world, 23,000 in total.

The BBC collected television licence fees totalling £3.681bn in 2011-12 and used part of that, £28m to pay gagging orders.

The arrival of cable and satellite 23 years ago seriously reduced BBC viewing figures. Has the BBC reduced its fee to reflect this? No.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Pro-wind lobby's 'spin' is sickening

THE endless 'spin' emanating from the pro-wind lobby is nauseating and I can understand the surges of the anti-wind lobby to point this out.

External observers see this as a local skirmish of no particular concern to them. It is only when that cancerous spot appears over their back fence they begin to realise the implications.

The press accurately reports what is said. It is unfortunate that, in laudable attempts to give both points of view, lies and truths get equal status in the eyes of the uninformed.

My conversations with such usually end with them saying we need more clean energy and the side-effects though regrettably are to be accepted to at least mitigate the problem and perhaps act as our salvation.

As I have tried to point out many times the best of ideas have drawbacks. Wind power is no exception. For many years a few small aero generators (not 'turbines') have assisted local areas to reduce their call upon central systems - but it is and must be always available on demand.

Over a long period of time aero generators may slightly reduce the output of the central supply from real 100 times more powerful generators.

Now, here's the point crucial to anyone who understands the implications of large scale direct grid feeding wind systems.

In order to meet the projected 20 per cent of electricity to be produced mainly by wind by the year 2020 about 30 schemes the size of the projected 800 'turbine' one in Powys would be required in the UK - about three per hectare - a veritable porcupine of a country AND this would give only 20 per cent of green electricity - 80 per cent as of now, ie, carbon and nuclear based.

We would have a conventional system meeting our needs but not fully utilised because wind has to be accommodated!

So we grit our teeth "the defeat of the carbon dragon makes it all worth it."

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NEWS
in brief**Summer reading for school pupils**

YOUNGSTERS in the Welshpool area are being encouraged to visit their local library over the summer holidays to take part in a fun and spine-tingling reading challenge.

Creepy House - this year's Summer Reading Challenge - is a free scheme aimed at getting children into reading as well as building confidence and learning new skills.

Libraries across the county will welcome children into a reading adventure that will keep them reading throughout the school summer holidays. The challenge starts on Saturday and will finish on September 14.

Research shows that taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge can help children keep up their reading skills. Last year 780,000 children took part across the UK.

Children can read whatever they like - as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Children aged between four to 11 can now sign up for the challenge at any library.

Antiques fair date

AN antiques fair and free valuation day will be held at The Flash Leisure Centre in Welshpool on Sunday. The event is from 9.30am to 3pm and more details can be found by visiting www.martinheathfairs.co.uk

Rogue traders warning as the weather gets warmer

ELDERLY people in the Welshpool area are being urged to be on guard against rogue traders, with police warning the warm weather may lead to more incidents.

Dyfed Powys Police said gangs often offer gardening and building services, ripping people off by over charging or carrying out poor quality work.

Detective Chief Inspector Greg Williams said: "Police are reminding residents, especially the elderly and vulnerable, to be on their guard against rogue traders.

"Rogue traders, as well as cold callers and distraction burglars, have a devastating impact on people's lives. They operate in gangs and individually calling at people's homes offering a range of services. These may include things such as gardening, general building, tarmac work and even clearing moss off roofs.

"They may also be on the look-out for scrap metal, which they will identify and return for at another time.

"Often, however, they take monies from properties under the pretence of doing work, when no actual work has been carried out. Obviously this is a worrying trend, and one which we in Dyfed Powys take very seriously.

"We're reminding homeowners to think about who is calling at their home before answering the door."

DCI Williams said he had drawn up some guidelines to help residents.

He said: "If in doubt, keep them out; don't sign on the spot; always ask for an identity card and look up the organisation to check the salesperson's identity is; don't get taken in by sales banter or high pressure selling techniques; always shop around for the best price; read the small print and double check the facts; talk to someone you trust for a second opinion; avoid handing over money before work is started; think very carefully before you agree to a trader starting any work straight away; trust your instincts - if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Councillor Barry Thomas, cabinet member responsible for road safety, said: "The unit is committed to providing education, training and publicity in an attempt to reduce collisions and casualties. I urge residents to take the opportunity to take part in this innovative driving scheme."

Sarah Morris, the council's senior road safety officer, said: "I truly hope that this initiative will be supported by residents and leads to a further reduction in collisions."

To find out more or to register to take part, email road.safety@powys.gov.uk

Safety course offer to drivers

POWYS County Council's Road Safety Unit is piloting a new driving assessment scheme for people aged 26 to 54 in the Welshpool area called 'Switched On Driving'.

A confidential and practical assessment, it aims to develop driving skills and identify areas of weakness that may have developed.

Forty free places are available on the scheme thanks to funding from the Welsh Government.

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Trio's trek to raise charity cash



Megan, Rosemary and Katie plan their 135-mile route.

ROSEMARY Charman will be taking time off from her duties in Welshpool Town Clerk's office to do a 135-mile walk with her 15-year-old daughter and her school friend.

Llanfair Caereinion High School pupils Megan Charman and Katie Harding decided they wanted to do something to raise money for charity, plan to take on the Glyndwr's Way walk and asked Rosemary to join them.

The walk starts at Knighton and finishes by the canal in Welshpool about 30 miles away, after looping its way through hills.

The three plan to set off on July 27 and do the walk in about 10 days for their chosen charities, the British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research and the Stroke Association.

"We've done sponsored walks before - the odd Sunday afternoon stroll - but nothing like this," said Rosemary. "It will be a big challenge but one we are determined to meet."

To donate to the effort see www.justgiving.com/teams/followGlyndwr

Buildings connected to offer free wi-fi

VISITORS to libraries, museums, leisure and youth centres run by Powys County Council in the Welshpool area can now make use of a free wi-fi internet connection.

The thousands of people who use the buildings every year can now use smartphones, laptops, tablet computers and other devices.

Visitors have to register details with the council at their nearest library, museum, leisure or youth centre.

Once registered, they will be able to access the free wi-fi from all of these buildings across the county.

Councillor Graham Brown, cabinet member responsible for leisure, said: "More people than ever carry mobile devices which connect to the internet."

"By upgrading our public buildings with the latest technology, free internet access has been made available to all."

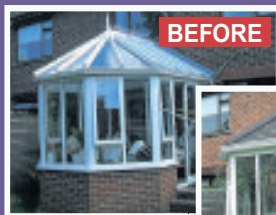
"This means people can catch up with the news or send emails while their children are swimming, or surf the net while at their local library. The introduction of the free wi-fi is about making our buildings as welcoming as possible to the public and providing the services that they require."

Visit the library, museum, leisure or youth centre.

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Members of the Welshpool Ramblers Group who enjoyed a weekend walk in Knighton.

Walkers step out for a circular trek

IN A change to the Welshpool Ramblers programme for Sunday there will now be an informal social gathering based on The Bog Visitor Centre.

Vic & Sandra Smith will lead a short walk starting at 10.30am from the car park with a lunch stop at the end of the walk.

There will be a rare opportunity to have a conducted tour of the 'Somme' Mine at The Bog site. All are welcome but no dogs are allowed.

Further information can be obtained by contacting (01743) 884930. Rachel Gray led a group of eight Welshpool Ramblers on a circular walk in the Knighton area last weekend.

Public vote means £5,000 boost for air ambulance

THE Wales Air Ambulance has won more than £5,000 funding after coming out top in a national contest of good causes.

by Graham Breeze

The charity, which has a helicopter based at Welshpool Airport, won the Nationwide Building Society's Big Local grant after being voted for by the public.

A new helicopter was installed at Welshpool last year and the money will go towards buying equipment to help children on board.

The charity won 58 per cent of the public vote against children's hospices Ty Gobaith and Noah's Ark.

Under the scheme run by the building society, three charities are short-listed and given £200. Then an online vote takes place with the winner given an additional £5,000.

Mark Stevens, fundraising manager at Wales Air Ambulance, said: "With our donation the charity plan on introducing 'Baby Batons' which are a vital and innovative piece of equipment that can clear an infant's airway in seconds as the helicopter is in flight.

"The kit will help crews to treat the 400 children that we airlift each year, and get them to the care they need as fast as possible."

The baby batons are inserted into the mouths of injured children and can clear their airway in seconds.

Mr Stevens added: "We are delighted to have received this lifesaving amount of money. As we rely entirely on public donations in order to continue with our services, it's fantastic to know that it was the public who chose us to win."

The Wales Air Ambulance is 11 years old and has carried out more than 17,000 missions to date since launching on St David's Day in 2001.

Each costs approximately £1,500 and from its airbases in Swansea, Caernarfon and Welshpool, an air ambulance can be anywhere in Wales within 20 minutes of an emergency call.

The cost of sustaining the three helicopters currently stands at £6 million each year.

The new helicopter was delivered to Welshpool in November last year an extra £600,000 was raised by supporters.

The upgrade from a three-seater plus patient Bolkow-105 to a five-seater and patient Eurocopter-135 came after months of fundraising events.

The cost of buying a helicopter of this kind would be around £2.5 million, but the charity leases them to make it easier to replace if any faults are detected.

Absolutely Fabulous



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My name is Larissa Williams and I live in the beautiful Meifod valley with my husband and children, and my horses, dogs, chickens and very independent cat. I had worked in the care sector for over twenty years with elderly people, children with special needs and people with chronic and terminal conditions, and found it hugely satisfying and rewarding.



However, in recent years, as my children became more independent, I began to reflect on my aspirations for my own life and career. I realized that I had always had a great love for, and interest in, animals; especially dogs. I also realized that there was a need for a kind of dog grooming service that would be more flexible for customers. So, I decided to try and start a business where the groomer went to the client but also groomed the dog in her van with every modern technology could provide.

Inspired by this idea, I set about getting myself trained by the best possible trainer I could find and achieving the right qualifications. I also explored how to get the requisite van and equipment.

Now it was getting exciting and I also launched myself into becoming a qualified dog and small animal chipper to conform to the legislation coming in in 2015. I also managed to get a separate van to do the chipping in. I also researched eco-friendly products for dogs and worked out that I could also provide a holiday service for animals in their own homes when their families were busy or away as putting my chickens away when we are away has always been a problem.

At the heart of all of this was a concern to provide the best care possible for the dogs and the most trouble free experience for their owners. Although I am more than happy to groom within the home or to have the owner alongside in my very spacious van if this is what they prefer. However, you could be having your own bubble bath and glass of champagne while your dog is being pampered in my van. Actually, that was probably the most challenging task: driving the van up and down narrow lanes but I am now really empowered by this.

I think my love for, and empathy with, animals is proving to be my main asset but I have also developed my administrative and business skills. This is a huge new venture for me but I have the support of a loving family and much encouragement from friends. I really hope that you will give me a chance to make your canine friend look ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS.

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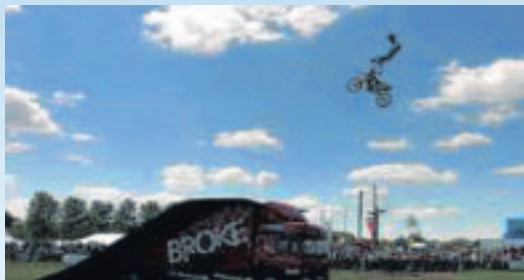


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Request

It provides excellent opportunities for local farmers, plant growers, and exhibitors, and is a fun day out that can be enjoyed by all the family.

Show chairman, Elwyn Owen, has this year made a request to those who attend the show every year to bring along a friend to visit this excellent one-day event.

Broke FMX Motorcycle Display Team provide the main ring attraction this year and there will also be performances from the Wye Valley Axe Men and a donkey derby.

There will be a vintage machinery display, a village green area, a rural crafts marquee, a performance by Newtown Silver Band as well as the usual horse, cattle, sheep, dog, horticulture, cookery, crafts and poultry competitions.

A clay pigeon shoot along with sheep do trials are also on the schedule.

Visit the website to see what's in store or for further details contact show secretaries: Gwen Buckley on 01938 810366 or Liz Harding on 01938 556483.



Broke FMX entertain with their motorcycle stunts at the Shropshire County Show. Picture: Bob Greaves.

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Anger at NHS over hospital op tariffs

THE chairman of Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation Trust has attacked NHS England for setting national tariffs for operations.

Russell Hardy says that, as an economist and businessman, he wants hospitals to be able to set tariffs locally. The hospital has volunteered to be a pilot for NHS England's look at how its sets its national tariffs for 2014.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic, near Gobowen, is carrying out more and more complex and expensive operations.

But it is falling foul of the national tariff scale which sets a one-off payment for operations, regardless of their complexity.

Monitor, the independent regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts, is working with NHS England to reform the way services are paid for. Hospitals could be paid, not for services they provide but the outcomes for patients.

The Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation Trust Board heard that bosses were liaising with Monitor on the orthopaedic tariffs.

John Grinnell, finance director, said: "Tariffs are undoubtedly one of the biggest risks for the hospital as a single specialist provider."

Award-winning water firm has designs on new venture

A NEW design and printing company has been launched as a partner to a Shropshire water company.

Natural Welsh Water, the Company of the Year award winner at the 2012 Shropshire Business Awards, has set up Shropshire Design and Print on an industrial estate near its Oswestry home.

It comes after an investment of around £90,000 in the premises, allowing the firm to set up shop in its new home.

The company has already created two new positions and will be looking to take on more staff, covering all aspects of design and print including vehicle wraps, leaflets, shop signs, pop ups, exhibition stands and garments.

Managing director Mike Webb said: "We just want people to come and see what we are about. We are very keen on a quick turnaround on product quality and service, so we aim to get quotes out within a day."

"Our graphics guy has such an active mind, and is very creative. "What we are trying to do is take the ethos of Natural Welsh Water in Shropshire Design and Print."

The company launched its new arm with an event at its new home on the Maes y Clawdd Industrial Estate in Oswestry on Friday.

It will be looking to offer a range of services, including small stickers, shop signs, business stationery, exhibition graphics and vehicle branding.

"It's all about quality," Mr Webb added. "We won't be the cheapest, we want to be the best."

"We have been surprised at the walk-in business we have received already. We are already busy and we wanted to invite people to come in, see what we are about, and talk to the guys that are creating these products."

Natural Welsh Water last year won a contract to supply water coolers at the London Olympic Games.

by Graham Breeze

Protests over 22 homes bid

AROUND 200 people have objected to controversial plans to build 22 homes next to a beauty spot in Ellesmere.

They fear plans to build the homes and create 75 extra plots at the nearby cemetery on land off Swan Hill will have a negative impact on the environment.

Outline plans have been submitted for the site - which lies close to the Mere - by developers CMS JAW Ltd.

Almost all of the 188 people who have commented on the plans on Shropshire Council's website have opposed them.

The scheme had been put forward by Shropshire Council as part of a bid to build more than 20,000 homes in the county by 2026. But it has now been removed from the planning blueprint because of the concerns.

A report for the applicant says Shropshire Council has acknowledged a shortage in its supply of housing land and the site could make a valuable contribution to it.



Mike Webb launches Shropshire Design and Print, which is officially opened by Mayor of Oswestry Chris Scofield on the Maes y Clawdd Industrial Estate.

NEWS

in brief

Model railways at station show

MODEL railway buffs have organised a show in Oswestry later this month.

The Cambrian Railx Show will take place at Oswestry Railway Station on Oswald Road on July 21 from 10am to 5.30pm.

The show will feature 17 model railway layouts, in all gauges as well as other items including used railway books.

Tickets give entry to the adjacent Cambrian Railway Museum, plus a brake van ride behind a diesel loco. Entry also covers the cost of a train ride at the heritage group's other base at Llynchys Station.

Tickets cost £6 for adults, £5 concessions and children have free entry.

Senior citizens ready for quiz fun

A FUN quiz will be held by Oswestry Senior Citizens' Club on July 16.

The £2 fee includes light refreshments and the quiz starts at 7pm at the club in Lorne Street.

Keith Best will entertain at the monthly dance and social on July 25.

Doors open at 6pm for a 7.30pm start and the cost of £5 includes a salad bag.

Blaze wrecks car

A CAR was destroyed in a fire at St Martins, near Oswestry.

Firefighters spent half an hour dousing the fire at 11pm on Wednesday. No one was injured.

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The Principality Building Society Office alongside Woodhead Estates. Right: Kate Howell (agency owner), Harriet Fallon (senior customer consultant), Daniel Graham, Kelly Griffiths, and Warren Howell (agency owner) in the Oswestry branch.



Lynsey Kilvert, left, with Kate Howell and Warren Howell in the Oswestry office.

OPENED in April, the new Principality Building Society in Oswestry has been consistently the top performing agency across the country for the last three months.

The brainchild of Kate Howell, the agency is owned by Kate along with husband, local businessman Warren Howell, and the business is associated with the award winning Woodhead Estates, Oswestry's only recommended member of the Guild of Professional Estate Agents.

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New trail spotlight on link to war poet

A TOWN trail recognising Wilfred Owen's links to Oswestry and a partnership with the French town where the war poet died could be established as part of a key tourism initiative, councillors have been told.

The two ideas are among several currently being worked on by the Wilfred Owen Project Group, town councillors were told.

The group has been established to look at co-ordinating activities and projects to allow Oswestry to properly mark its link with the famous poet and also to look at how the centenary of the beginning of the First World War should be marked.

A report to the town council said the project group was made up of various individuals and groups such as Cambridgeshire Heritage Railways, the chamber of commerce and tourism bodies.

Among the ideas put forward so far was for Oswestry, as the birthplace of Wilfred Owen, to form a relationship or friendship with Ors, the town in France in which he died.

It was suggested the relationship could lead to the sharing of exhibitions and school visits.

The report said a draft town trail had been produced that brought together 15 places in the town where Wilfred Owen and his family were directly linked.

Town looking at forming a stand-alone tourism strategy

THE time might be right for Oswestry to put together its own stand-alone tourism strategy amid concerns over falling visitor numbers.

The calls have been made by Oswestry mayor Chris Schofield after new figures revealed a significant fall in the number of people attending the town's visitor and information centre.

Figures show that in 2011, a total of 55,507 people visited the centre, but that figure dipped to 48,676 last year. If current visiting trends continue the figure will fall even further this year. Councillor Schofield said he was concerned that tourism strategies did not

focus specifically on Oswestry.

The mayor told a meeting of the town council's amenities committee: "Maybe we should have a meeting on Oswestry tourism itself."

"We can set our own agenda for Oswestry. I think we should aim for Oswestry itself."

The calls were backed by Councillor Paul Milner. He said: "Oswestry people know what Oswestry is like."

Councillor Martin Bennett said more had to be done to drive forward a tourism strategy for the town.

He said: "I really think we need to have a meeting with the tourism information people. We do have a visitor strategy for the area. We really do need to get that out of first gear and into second and hopefully into fourth."

He said one factor in the fall in numbers was the changeable summer weather.

He said: "Because of the way the weather is behaving in the last few years, one thing we are going to be desperately in need of it things that people can do indoors."

The councillor said it was a "bit iffy" trying to encourage people to come to a town if the weather was poor and there was little to do indoors. A report to councillors gave details on the number of visitors to centre this year, last year and in 2011.

It said in January this year there were 2,619 visitors compared to 4,187 visitors in January 2011.

by Graham Breeze

Marketing bid for aqueduct

MORE should be done to turn the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct into a major tourism attraction, it has been claimed.

The Thomas Telford-built aqueduct and a section of the Llangollen Canal, which is carried over the structure, won prestigious Unesco World Heritage Site status in 2009 after a long campaign by supporters.

But North Wales Assembly Member Mark Isherwood fears it is missing out on thousands of potential visitors every year because it is not being marketed effectively by the Welsh Government.

He raised his concerns during a debate at the Welsh Assembly on the state of the rural economy.

Mr Isherwood said that tourism sustained jobs and supported the rural economy. He said: "North East Wales is within the reach of 15.5 million potential visitors - a bigger pot than even Cardiff can call upon."

"It needs to be marketed far more in the Midlands and north-west of England accordingly."

Booze confiscated after parties



CSO Kurt Mabe with the seized alcohol at Oswestry police station.

MORE than 100 bottles and cans of alcohol were confiscated when police broke up two end-of-school parties.

Officers have warned they will crack down on any other unsupervised events over the summer. A large group of teenagers was found partying in and around Croeswylan Lane in Oswestry while a smaller group was spotted in Gobowen.

In both instances large quantities of alcohol were taken from the young people, the majority of them 15 and 16 years, who had just finished their GCSE exams. It follows a party the previous weekend when a caravan was set on fire in Treflach.

Police Constable Pete Dale and community support officer Kurt Mabe broke up the Oswestry event at about 9pm.

Constable Dale said: "We want to get the message across that unsupervised events like this will not be tolerated and alcohol will be confiscated from underage people."

Car boot sales bid outlined to traders

PLANS to run Sunday car boot sales on Oswestry main car park and to introduce a major retail event next year have been set out to town traders.

Oswestry mayor Chris Schofield revealed the plans during talks with business leaders.

Councillor Schofield said the town council was working on plans for a day celebrating the work of Oswestry's independent traders.

He told members of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce the event would follow on from a Traders' Day event the group had organised.

And he said the chamber and the council could work closely together on various initiatives including on the Start Up Britain project which encourages young people to get involved in business.

The mayor also invited the chamber to have a say on plans to have car boot sales on the Central Car Park on Sundays and help take forward strategies from the Oswestry 2020 economic development blueprint. Mr Schofield said he was delighted with the way the chamber had reformed itself and said the council wanted to do business with it.



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Local cookshop Upstairs Downstairs on Leg Street, Oswestry has been awarded the prestigious National Business Innovation Award for 2013 from the Housewares Industry.

The family business was established in 1987 by Yossi and Raine Glikzman. In August 2012 the business expanded by taking over the premises next door which had stood empty for several months, and after extensive renovation, opened its doors in October offering a wide range of top quality tableware.

"It was a massive gamble" says Yossi, "it all came at the wrong time, we were in the midst of a double-dip recession and so taking on another premises seemed like madness, but we felt that had we not done it, then we may not have had such an opportunity for years."

Both shops operate separately and have already scooped an award from the Oswestry and District Civic Society for the new shop front and confidence in the town.

This year Upstairs Downstairs, who specialise in quality

cookware, are introducing a new and exciting cookery workshop. It will provide cooking lessons and demonstrations in their newly-fitted kitchen within the cookshop.

"We have had fantastic support from a local kitchen firm, BKConcepts. They have supplied and installed a top quality Nolte kitchen and we can wholeheartedly recommend them to anyone looking for a new kitchen!"

We have also applied to Shropshire Council for any help we can get to cover the costs of taking on an empty shop and for some equipment for the new workshop.

As part of our opening celebrations of the Cookery Workshop (which opens fully in August) we will be holding a full day of cooking demonstrations on Saturday 13th July alongside the Oswestry Food Festival.

Our resident chef Jack Hatley (chef at the Navigation Inn Maesbury), together with TV chef Malcolm Harradine will be in the kitchen conjuring up mouthwatering dishes for all to taste! We also have knife specialist Lisa, showcasing British designer knives by Robert Welch.

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Children parade in tribute to wildlife

A PARADE of schoolchildren showing off models of "mini-beasts" they made was led through Montgomery by artist Andrew Logan.

Mr Logan is a sculptor, performance artist, painter and jewellery maker who has a museum in Berriew, near Welshpool.

He has recently been working with year one and two children at Montgomery School, near Newtown, to help them produce models and mosaics of insects and garden creatures.

Rachel Tibbott, higher learning assistant at the school, said the parade was held in honour of local wildlife to the music of Benjamin Britten.

She said: "Starting at the school, Andrew Logan and the year one and two pupils paraded in a musical celebration of our local wildlife."

"The children had been working with Andrew's museum at Berriew to create models of mini beasts which they carried along, while Andrew carried a dragonfly decorated by the school's staff."

"The children marched to the music of composer Benjamin Britten, who is currently being celebrated at the 10-day Gregynog Festival of classical music which being held at Gregynog Hall in Pregaron, near Newtown."

Road death toll highest in country despite fall of 23pc

POWYS saw more deaths on its roads last year than any other county in Wales, new figures have revealed.

Sixteen deaths were recorded in the county in 2012, according to the Department for Transport.

Overall, 93 people died on Welsh roads last year compared to 121 the year before – a fall of 23 per cent. But the figure of 16 deaths in Powys was by far the biggest county number. The next biggest was Swansea, which saw nine deaths.

The Powys figure was blamed on the size of the county, which has 3,400 miles of road, and the fact that motorcyclists from across Britain come to enjoy its scenic routes.

John Evans, Powys County Council spokesman, said: "Motorcyclists have been identified as the most vulnerable road user group in the county."

"As we have the largest road network in Wales, around 3,400 miles, we attract motorcyclists in particular."

"Between 2007 and 2011 there were 180 motorcyclists killed or seriously injured in Powys, but only 35 of them came from the county."

"We are very conscious that motorcyclists come here to use the roads and we have a number of safety initiatives. These include Biker Down, which is a three-hour workshop, conducted in partnership with Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, which gives advice and information on what to do at the scene of a collision."

There are also bright yellow signs throughout the county warning motorcyclists to slow down and motorists to think about bikers.

Each sign also has a reference number on the back giving exact locations so emergency services can be directed to the scene of an accident easily.

Kevin Clinton, head of road safety at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said: "Even though road deaths in 2012 were at their lowest level since records began, we need to re-double our efforts to reduce deaths and injuries."

Mr Nicholson said work would continue in trying to find a source of funding.

Study looks at cinema plans

A STUDY has been commissioned into ambitious £500,000 plans to convert a former cinema into a multi-purpose entertainment venue.

A steering group has been set up to take the scheme for Oswestry's former Regal Cinema forward and a site visit is to be organised.

The building in Leg Street closed as a cinema in 1994 but campaigners say the building, which could cost between £400,000 and £500,000 to buy, would be an ideal site for a new development to benefit the community.

Campaigner Chas Nicholson says the building could be transformed into a venue for theatre and opera, cinema, conferences, music recitals, exhibitions and a space for education and community groups. He said: "We are progressing the plans and we have a new steering group, which includes a solicitor and an architect, to move it forward."

Mr Nicholson said work would continue in trying to find a source of funding.

Donor decision may help Oliver



Oliver Harrison, left, with parents Emma and Adam and brother Harry.

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD Oswestry boy could benefit from Wales becoming the first country in the UK where people will be presumed to have consented for their organs to be donated to others after their death.

Oliver Harrison, who lives in Oswestry, suffers from a severe congenital defect and is on the heart transplant list, with parents Emma and Adam knowing a phone call could come at any time.

They are hoping the recent decision by the Welsh Assembly could speed up their

son's chance of a new heart. The current system across the UK relies on people signing up to a voluntary scheme and carrying a donor card.

Ministers keen to drive up low transplant rates say the new scheme will save countless lives and it has also been hailed as an historic moment by the British Medical Association.

Oliver's mum said: "It is really good news and gives hope to people like Oliver for whom a transplant is now the only option."

Event to celebrate arts and crafters

A CELEBRATION of some of the Oswestry's area's best artists and crafters will be staged later this month.

The Made on the Borders (MOB) Fair will also include a variety of workshop, demonstrations and children's activities.

Organisers say the event, to be held at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry on July 20, follows the "resounding success" of the inaugural fair in May.

Oswestry businesswoman Wendy Unwin, of The Gates Gifts shop on Church Street and Trish Brunt, of Candy Designs, have organised the event and say they will hold a series of fairs this year.

Mrs Unwin said: "MOB fairs bring together the wonderful and eclectic range of talented producers, artists and crafters living along the Welsh borderlands."

"The July fair will see the introduction of demonstrations and workshops together with music, light refreshments, children's activities and great stalls, providing an all round family fun event."

The fair runs from 10am to 3pm and Mrs Unwin said the event was one of several initiatives business people were involved with in the town.

Another initiative was moving to that ensure Oswestry kept its Fairtrade Town status, she said.

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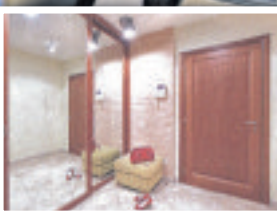
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THE biggest redesign in the 40-year history of a well-known furniture firm has been unveiled as part of a major £100,000 investment in the county store.

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Bosses of the county's largest independent furniture store, on Ennerdale Road, Shrewsbury, said it now meant customers could buy everything that they needed for their home under one roof.

Exciting

"This has been a very exciting redevelopment programme for everyone at Alan Ward," Kathy Lesser, marketing manager at the flagship store said.

"Our regular customers have been eager to see what changes were being made and the first people to see the finished redesigned store were as excited as we were at the weekend."

"People can come to Alan Ward and now for the first time buy everything from a potato peeler to a full corner group."

"Traditionally people may have thought about Alan Ward as a furniture store but this major redevelopment of our flagship store now means we will be a place for gift shopping and home accessories – the smaller items in the home are equally important as the main pieces of furniture."

The Alan Ward team brought in London-based interior designer Andrew Durham to lead the project.

The new departments, which have created three new jobs and are expected to create more in the future, means the store now offers lighting, including ranges Dar and David Hunt; a range of clocks, themed accessories including gen-

The colourful kitchenware department

tleman's club, country charm and gilt edged glamour, pictures and mirrors and soft furnishings, including cushions and throws.

The store will also be selling limited edition fine art including work by Darren Baker, who has become one of the UK's most collectable artists since his remarkable portrait of the Queen was unveiled by Princess Anne at Westminster Abbey in 2011, along with work by Fabian Perez.



Tasty treats in Alan Ward's new homes department.

"This investment in the Shrewsbury store to offer a first class shopping experience shows our commitment to Shrewsbury – our flagship store where, of course, the Alan Ward brand was launched," Miss Lesser added.

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Bright ideas in the new lighting area.

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Housing plan leads to alert over site

ARCHAEOLOGY experts say extra care will have to be taken if permission is given to build homes in Great Ness because the site has probably been inhabited since medieval times.

Outline plans have been lodged to build three homes south of Charleston House in Great Ness, a parish which has 25 listed buildings and a conservation area.

The plans are currently out for public consultation and Shropshire Council's archaeologists say the area is deemed to have moderate to high archaeological potential.

Their report says: "The proposed development site lies within the core of the historic village of Great Ness, and within a part of the settlement that is likely to have been inhabited since the medieval period."

The report suggests that a "watching brief" should be kept during the groundworks phase. The housing proposal has been lodged by applicant Stephen Jennings.

Seaside day out

WESTON Rhyn Good Companions group will be taking a trip to Llandudno on July 25, leaving the Institute at 9.30am. All are welcome. To book call (01691) 770016.

The group will be taking another trip on August 15 to Blakemere Village.

New deal with retailer sees firm gear up for growth

A STORAGE and distribution firm in Oswestry is stretching its field of vision overseas as it gears up for growth.

Cold Move, based on the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate, is a predominantly UK-based retail and food service distribution company.

But after landing a deal with a major national retailer to begin moving its goods overseas, it has built up operations across the world which it hopes will lead to additional export business in the future.

The networks used in the current deal, which are seeing the company moving goods as far overseas as South Africa and Australia, could develop and allow the company to access further export markets from businesses which are based in Shropshire.

Business and operations development manager Alistair Mitchell said: "Our intention is to have 20-plus containers a week going out of the door. We have been putting the networks in place for the last six or seven months."

"We have always dabbled with the odd customer who wanted to send something to China, but now we have developed those networks with hauliers, container companies and shipping firms into various other countries."

Cold Move started life in the 1950s when its founder Bill Woodward began importing sausages from Ireland and distributing them from his home just outside Oswestry to local shops and pubs.

Now it turns over approximately £12 million a year from its 12-acre site at Oswestry and its sister site in the North West.

The company owns 12 acres of land at Oswestry, of which nine are developed, while Cold Move has plans prepared for the next stages of development, with any decision to proceed dependant on market demand.

To develop its overseas markets, the company has invested in equipment to load produce mechanically without needing base pallets, driving down the cost of exporting.



Alistair Mitchell of Cold Move, Oswestry.

Nursery scores a top grade by group

A NURSERY in Oswestry has been awarded a level three "exemplary and outstanding" accreditation following a year-long inspection.

Oswestry School Prepcare Nursery was awarded the grading by The National Day Nurseries Association.

Denise Kerr, nursery manager, said she was delighted and honoured with the grading and thanked her colleagues for their hard work.

She said: "Oswestry School Prepcare Nursery has recently been awarded a level three exemplary and outstanding" accreditation from The National Day Nurseries Association.

"In order to gain the award, extensive evidence was compiled over a period of more than a year, an in depth portfolio was produced and the nursery had a full day inspection."

She added: "We are delighted and proud of this achievement which recognises the hard work and dedication of all the staff here at Prepcare."

Mrs Kerr added: "Oswestry School Prepcare provides an excellent start for children who are, as yet, too young to become a member of the main school."

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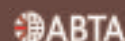
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Stylish Superb looks set to stay ahead of the field

By Iain Dooley

Building on the successful formula of space, refinement and generous levels of standard equipment, Skoda's latest generation Superb packs all the familiar qualities that's already convinced so many to sign on the dotted line.

Improvements to the Superb might not be immediately obvious, however Skoda has focused on the things that matter: cleaning up the engine range, sharpening up the car's looks to mirror that of the Rapid and latest Octavia, and adding some welcome extra kit.

Although the cosmetic changes are subtle, out has gone the slightly generic Skoda design, replaced by a more sculptured look fore and aft.

Inside the car's cabin it is largely business as usual. Detailed trim and material changes have done a good job of ensuring the Superb's cabin remains a plush environment for all occupants, though.

As before, this Superb's main selling point is its cabin space. Extended in all the right areas, front seat occupants are made to feel special while those in the rear can stretch out thanks to the generous amount of legroom offered. In the influential premium saloon class, rear space is important. You may be transporting clients or paying customers – either way, the Superb's extra inches do much to create an appealing executive ambience. And that's before you consider the car's voluminous boot – seats up or down.

You won't be paying executive prices for the



The new Skoda Superb has seen design changes including a more sculptured look

Superb, though. As with the previous generation car, the sums involved are modest for something of this size and opulence. And Skoda is hoping that its generosity in the equipment department will prompt buyers to place the Superb high on their shopping lists, especially as similarly priced rivals offer less space and kit for similar money.

With four models to choose from (S, SE, Elegance and top-spec), the act of making a choice is no longer a simple one as there's a generous spread of standard kit even on the lower-spec models now. Furthermore, this ensures the car remains competitive in the crowded company car market when value for money is a key driving force in purchasing decisions.

With alloy wheels, air conditioning, Bluetooth, electric windows and mirrors, chilled

glovebox and seven airbags forming part of the Superb's core standard kit list, even the entry-level S model is hard to ignore.

SE models gain larger alloy wheels, a touchscreen audio screen and a greater choice of audio inputs, rear parking sensors plus a host of detailed interior and exterior trim accents.

The move up to Elegance sees a big uplift in specification, with xenon headlights, bigger (again) alloy wheels, touchscreen navigation, heated and powered front seats, leather upholstery and a heated windscreen.

Skoda's traditional flagship Laurent & Klement model adds front parking sensors, more leather, heated rear seats, an upgraded audio unit, TV tuner, privacy glass and gloss black



The Superb's plush interior

cabin trim.

Skoda's generosity also extends to its engine range, greater efficiencies should mean you pay less at the pumps and to the taxman.

Some models benefit from cuts to CO₂ emissions as high as 19 per cent, while Skoda boasts that every model delivers more miles per gallon and emits less at the tailpipe.

Buyers can choose from three petrol and three diesel engines, plus manual and DSG gearboxes depending on the particular model. Unusually in this sector there's also the option of all-wheel drive on selected variants, which will no doubt add a welcome all-weather dimension to the Superb for some buyers.

With diesel power the mainstay of the range, the choice ranges from a 1.6-litre 105 horsepower

unit to a 2.0-litre unit in 140 and 170 horsepower guise. Petrol fans can choose between 1.4 and 1.8-litre units offering 125hp and 160hp respectively, plus a 3.6-litre V6 producing 260hp.

Overall performance is, as you'd expect, biased towards refinement and comfort. The big Superb surprises with its agility yet there's no escaping the fact that it's built primarily to cosset its occupants.

The well-weighted major controls and slick actions of the minor switchgear help boost the cabin's already impressive ambience, while the smooth-shifting transmissions – both manual and DSG – cement the car's place in the premium sector. Just like with the previous incarnations of the Superb, Skoda has again produced a refined, spacious, enjoyable-to-drive mid-size executive car that, in reality, offers so much more than the established competition.

With a competitive pricing strategy plus innovative technology and good looks, Skoda has a car that continues to live up to its name.

Bumper to bumper

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With low fuel consumption becoming even more important these days, Suzuki GB is pleased that the SX4 range was voted the Best Real MPG Performer at the honestjohn.co.uk awards ceremony held in London last night.

The new award arose from the 'Real MPG' section of the honestjohn website which was launched following complaints from readers that their cars could not match official EC Combined fuel economy figures. Readers can log the true fuel economy that their vehicles are achieving into a database of more than 40,000 Real MPG submissions which covers almost 2,500 model and engine configurations of cars since 2006.

Closest

The SX4 range was voted by owners as the car that came closest to achieving the EC combined figure in everyday driving, recording an average score of 97.1 per cent. The combined fuel consumption for the 1.6 petrol 2WD is 45.6mpg and the 2.0 DDiS 4WD model is 53.3mpg.

Dan Harrison, editor of honestjohn.co.uk says: "Fuel consumption has become a very contentious issue and the feedback we get from owners via Real MPG is incredibly valuable. Since launching in 2011 we've had submissions covering pretty much every make of car so for owners to report that the Suzuki SX4 range comes so close to matching its claimed fuel economy is a real achievement."

The SX4 range is available with a 1.6 petrol engine with either two or four wheel drive or with the 2.0 DDiS engine as four wheel drive. Suzuki's popular VAT free offers now also include the SX4 range until the end of June with the 1.6 SZ3 two wheel drive model priced at £10,495, representing a customer saving of £2,100.

Suzuki joins Motor Codes

Suzuki GB PLC has joined Motor Codes; the automotive industry's operator of Trading Standards-approved codes of practice for customer service – a scheme that helps keep service business within a trusted network.

Motor Codes has helped increase consumer confidence in garages across the UK and it secured OFT approval in 2011 as well as the backing of Government at the end of last year.

Motor Codes was created following the success of the SMMT New Car Code which is now represented by 39 major car brands and commits subscribers to minimum standards relating to advertising, new car warranty administration, availability of replacement parts and has also greatly reduced complaints from new car buyers.

Honest

Subscribers to Motor Codes commit to providing their customers with honest and fair services including offering them open and transparent pricing prior to work being carried out as well as working with competent and conscientious staff. Subscribers also need to ensure that in the event of a complaint it is dealt with quickly and in a straightforward way.

Motor Codes garages are accredited by the RAC who inspect them every two years with results then made available to the public on the Motor Codes online garage finder. This will prove beneficial to Suzuki customers as it further reinforces that its dealer network is responsible, professional and committed to government-backed customer service standards. Suzuki GB has 142 new car dealers and a further 19 authorised repairers.

Motor Codes further proved its success during Q4 of last year when call referral software was implemented into garages across the network and a £5 million influx of new service and repair business was recorded in just three months.

Keep your car safe and sound

Suzuki owners can confirm that their cars are among the most reliable on the road, but just a few minutes of routine attention can ensure they are in top form to pass when it comes to the MoT test.

The most common reasons for failures in the annual inspection of cars more than three years old are some of the easiest to avoid. Faulty bulbs, worn tyres and low fluid levels can all require the expense of a second test.

Suzuki GB has joined forces with the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the organisation that represents the UK motor industry, in its 'Minute or Two' campaign, promoting simple and effective maintenance that can keep cars in safe, legal condition.

Some of these issues can be put right at home, but for peace of mind, a pre-MoT check at a Suzuki service centre will ensure a vehicle is in tip-top condition, detecting any issues before customers have to pay the bill for a re-test.

Suzuki already has an impressive record when it comes to MoT passes: a 2012 survey

published by leading consumer website honestjohn.co.uk, which number-crunched more than 24 million test results, revealed the Splash mini-MPV was the model least likely to fail among all the cars on Britain's roads, posting an impressive 90 per cent first-time pass rate.

Both Jimny and Grand Vitara ranked in the high-80 per cent bracket too, and no Suzuki model scored lower than 85 per cent, making Suzuki the second highest-rated manufacturer.

Confidence

Great though these figures are, Suzuki believes that it can help its customers enjoy even greater confidence in their cars as Denis Houston, aftersales director explained: "We're proud that our vehicles are among the most reliable you'll find, but there's always room for improvement. By helping our customers, in line with the SMMT campaign, we can push even closer to a 100 per cent pass rate. That's great for customers' peace of mind, their trust in Suzuki and our dealerships, and for their vehicle maintenance costs."



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On the Road

Key enhancements to popular Peugeot

Since its launch in April 2011, the Peugeot 508 has established itself as a much respected car, notably within the fleet segment of the UK market.

This position is based on a combination of appealing features: elegant styling, first-rate driving characteristics (bringing the best combination of ride and handling), high levels of driver comfort, quality and durability with class leading environmental credentials that enhance economy and CO₂-related reduced taxation.

From this solid foundation, a number of significant enhancements have now been made to the Peugeot 508 range, aimed at further strengthening the product's competitiveness and appeal to customers.

Visual

The key changes include the elimination of the 508 'SR' with enhancements to both the specification and visual appeal of 508 Access, Active, Allure (including Hybrid4 Saloon) and 'GT' models. The range-topping, distinctive and high-specification 508 RXH (with Hybrid4 diesel/electric technology) remains unchanged.

The changes apply to both the 508 Saloon and 508 SW body styles as follows:

- The 508 'Access' model gains 16in alloy wheels and Bluetooth.

- The 508 'Active Navigation' model is as current Active, but now equipped with 18in 'Naos' alloy wheels (as fitted



The Peugeot 508 is now well established in the fleet car sector

to the 508 'Allure'), 508 'GT' style front grille, Peugeot Connect Navigation (RT6), Peugeot Connect SOS and Assistance, rear parking aid and electric folding door mirrors. The 508 'Active Navigation' specification is designed to ensure that this model covers the customer requirements of business and private customers alike who value the features previously covered by 508 'SR' and 'Active' versions.

- The 508 'Allure' model gains Xenon directional headlamps with Peugeot Smartbeam Assistance and headlamp

washers, LED daytime running lights and front parking aid.

- The 508 'GT' model – uniquely available with the accomplished 2.2-litre HDi 200 – now features 19in 'Capella' alloy wheels as standard and front parking aid sensors.

Though the specification changes to 508 are clearly significant and extremely positive, prices are broadly in-line with their current line-up, with 508 'Access', 'Active' and 'Allure' on-the-road prices increasing by just £200, with the 508 'GT' by £400.

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Roomy village home has been run as thriving B&B

Agents Richmond Harvey are marketing an exceptionally large detached residence on Glyn-dwr's Way national walking trail in the centre of a sought-after conservation village. With a guide price of £350,000, Central House, Meifod, is full of character and has the potential for many purposes. It has been used in the past as a shop, local business base, a family home and, most recently, a successful B&B. There is also a large outbuilding, presently used as a garage, workshop and storage area, which

could be converted into a granny flat, subject to permission (original plans are available). The accommodation comprises a reception hall, L-shaped living room with exposed beams, inglenook fireplace and antique cast iron spiral staircase, dining room and spacious breakfast kitchen. On the first floor, the landing includes a study area. The master bedroom has ensuite facilities and three further bedrooms share a refitted main bathroom.

There are two light and airy open plan attic rooms and a storage room on the second floor. Outside, a gated driveway at the side leads to ample parking, a garage/outbuilding, workshop, hidden parking for a caravan/motor home and neatly maintained cottage style gardens with fruit trees and patio areas. There are pleasant views to the churchyard at the rear. For further information call Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or log on to the website www.richmondharvey.com



Bungalow in extensive gardens under hammer

In need of modernisation, Flagstaff, School Lane, Pant, near Oswestry, is a three-bedroomed bungalow-style property in nearly an acre of private gardens and grounds is to be sold by auction on Friday, July 26, at 3pm at Halls' head office at Battlefield, Shrewsbury.

Accommodation comprises a lean-to porch and utility, kitchen with a walk-in pantry and a Rayburn solid fuel range cooker, main hallway, cloak area, bathroom, reception room with French windows, three bedrooms, including one with French windows, a garage, workshop, two parking spaces and a workshop.

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Two-bedroom Victorian cottage in rural location

A well appointed Victorian country cottage, 3 Daywell Cottages at Daywell, stands in a pleasant rural position around three miles from Oswestry.

The two-bedroom property is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at a guide price of £115,000 with no chain.

With solid fuel and electric central heating and double glazing it has an entrance hall, lounge, modern kitchen, modern bathroom, two good sized bedrooms, car parking and a store shed.

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



Former stable and Grade II listed mill in lovely rural spot

On the market for £225,000, Llwydiarth Mill, in a lovely rural valley close to Lake Vyrnwy and the Dyfnant Forest is a recently converted former stable with a Grade II listed mill building that has planning permission for conversion into a home. The accommodation includes a family room with a vaulted ceiling, sitting room with an open fireplace, kitchen/dining room with built-in appliances, two double bedrooms, a family bathroom and beautiful gardens. On the other side of the road, the former saw mill is understood to date back to late Victorian times with later additions.

For further details contact Morris Marshall and Poole on 01938 554818 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk.



Spacious detached house presented to superior standard

An impressive four-bedroom detached house presented to a high standard, 32 Morda Close, Oswestry, is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at a guide price of £475,000. It has a large entrance hall, lounge, dining room, large kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, master bedroom (ensuite), guest bedroom (ensuite), two further bedrooms, a study, bathroom, large private landscaped gardens, driveway parking and a detached double garage.

For further information contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 724004 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk



Village bungalow offers panoramic countryside views

Dyfnant, Pen Y Maes, Llanfechain is a well presented semi-detached bungalow in a quiet residential area, with tremendous panoramic views over open countryside. With oil-fired central heating and double glazing, it is for sale through Norman Lloyd at a guide price of £147,950 with no upward chain. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and garage.

For further information contact Norman Lloyd on 01938 552371 or visit www.normanlloyd.co.uk



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- Oswestry, 4 Bed House £600 p.c.m.
- Pont Robert, 4 Bed Det £650 p.c.m.
- Llanrhaeadr, 4 Bed £1,200 p.c.m.
- Dudleston Heath, House + 6 Acres £1,850 p.c.m.

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- First Floor Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Economy 7 Electric Heating

- Rear Garden
- Allocated Off-Road Parking
- Popular Location. EPC D.

£72,500

LLANGEDWYN



- Mid Terrace House
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Parking. EPC E

- Front and Rear Gardens
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Spacious Accommodation

£115,000

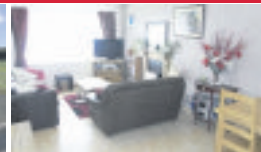
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- NO CHAIN!!
- Extended Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two/ Three Bedrooms
- Parking and Carport
- Private Enclosed Garden
- Upvc D.G. & Gas C.H.
- Convenient Location
- Close to all amenities. EPC D

Offers in the region of £124,950

OSWESTRY



- Extended Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage and Parking

- Close To Town Centre
- Deceptively Spacious
- Upvc Double Glazing. EPC D

£130,000

TREFONEN



- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Potential to Extend

- Set in 1/2 Acre of Land
- Two Outbuildings
- Fabulous Views. EPC F.

£350,000

RHOS Y GADFA



- Detached Period Farmhouse
- Paddocks Extending to Six Acres
- Numerous Outbuildings & Barns
- Purpose built Stable Block
- Great Business/ Development Opportunity
- Five Bedroom Accommodation
- Three Large Reception Rooms
- EPC Rating G.

£650,000

OSWESTRY



- NO CHAIN
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms. EPC C

- Majority Upvc Glazing
- Gardens Front and Rear
- Viewing Recommended

Reduced to £139,950

CHIRK



- THREE STOREY NEW BUILD
- THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- OFF ROAD PARKING

- CHOICE OF FITTINGS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING

Prices from £145,000

DOLYWERN



- Spacious Detached House
- Sought after Location
- Backing onto Fields

- En-Suite Shower Room
- Garage & parking
- Gardens to Front and Rear

£275,000

WHITTINGTON



- Semi Detached House
- Good Sized Gardens
- Sought After Village

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas C.H./ Upvc D. Glazing

£152,500

OSWESTRY



- Link Detached House
- Cul de Sac Location
- Three Bedrooms. EPC D
- Garage Conversion

£155,950

GOBOWEN



- NO CHAIN!!
- Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms. EPC D.
- Deceptively Spacious

Offers in the region of £169,950

OSWESTRY



- 3/4 Bed Semi-Det House
- Corner Plot
- 2 Reception Rooms



- Popular Location
- Integral Garage. EPC D
- Local Amenities Close

Offers in the region of £169,950

LLANARMON D C



- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Rural Views To The Rear

- Garage & Driveway
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Picturesque Location

£230,000

SELATTYN, OSWESTRY



- Former Methodist Chapel
- Set in Approx 1.1 acres
- Idyllic Rural Location



- Three Bedrooms
- Full of Character
- Off Road Parking & Garage

£389,950

LOWER CHIRK BANK



- End Terraced Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden To The Rear



- Village Location
- With Access Down To Canal
- Gas Central Heating. EPC E

£178,000

CWMUDU, LLANRHAEDR



- NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Country Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Original Features. EPC F

£189,950

WEST FELTON



- Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Cul de Sac Location
- Sought After Village. EPC D

£225,000

PANT



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Good Sized Gardens
- Conservatory. EPC E.

£215,000

LLWYN Y GO



- Detached Cottage
- Four/ Five Bedrooms
- Extensive Gardens
- Open Rural Views. EPC E

£310,000

DOLYWERN



- Semi-Detached Cottage
- Many Original Features
- Former Malt House & Watermill
- Four Bedrooms. No Chain.

£225,000

GOBOWEN



- NO CHAIN!!!!
- Spacious Detached bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Quiet cul-de-sac location

Offers in the region of £229,950

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NEW



5 Old Chirk Road, Weston Rhyn

£125,000

- Detached 2 Bedroom Village Bungalow
- Kitchen, lounge, rear porch and attached garage
- Double glazed and partial storage heating
- Gardens to both front and rear, open fields to the rear
- Scope for improvement. Energy efficiency rating = 43

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NEW
PRICE



Lloran House, Waterfall Street
Llanrhaeadr YM

£174,950

- Grade II Listed Stone Built Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms and two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted bathroom and kitchen, Oil C/Heating
- Numerous internal, external features, Part D/Glazing
- Central village location with river at rear
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 51

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NEW



Llwydiarth Mill, Llangadfan

£225,000

- Converted Single Storey Former Stable
- 2 Reception, Kitchen, 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Oil Fired Central Heating, Spacious Garden Grounds
- Dilapidated Detached Grade II Listed Mill
- Situated in lovely rural valley setting
- Close to the River Yrnyw & Dyfnant Forest
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 22

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

NEW
PRICE



38 Albert Road, Oswestry

Offers Over £90,000

- Mid terrace 2 bedroom town house
- 2 Reception, kitchen, bathroom
- Private rear garden, outside W.C.
- Well located for the town centre facilities
- Available with no onward chain
- Energy efficiency rating = 44

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NEW



11 Stonehouse Cottage, Forden

£116,000

- Modern Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace House
- Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining, Bathroom
- Propane Gas Heating, Double Glazed
- Enclosed patio & seating area. Two Parking Spaces
- First Time Buy or Buy to Let. Energy Efficiency Rating = 64

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NEW



15 Maes-Y-Ddawns, Llangadfan

£185,000

- Modern Detached 3 Bedroom Bungalow in cul-de-sac
- Sitting Room with Conservatory to rear
- Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility, Master En-suite
- Attached Single Garage, Oil Fired Central Heating
- Double Glazed, Open front lawn, Enclosed rear garden
- 5 miles Llanfair Caereinion, 15 miles Welshpool
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 78

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NEW
PRICE



19 Meadowbrook Court, Gobowen

£69,950

- Close Care Residential Bungalow
- Lounge / Diner, Single Double Bedroom
- Rear Conservatory and enclosed courtyard
- Central heating and double glazing
- On-site admin staff and/or 24 hour alarm
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 58

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NEW



Buildig Plot in Rhos-Y-Brithdir, Llanfyllin

£80,000

- Rurally Situated Building Plot
- Planning Consent for Detached Bungalow
- Foundations built. Unrestricted Occupancy
- Approximately 2 miles from Llanfyllin
- Extending to 0.3 Acre(or thereabouts)

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NEW



5 Tan-Y-Mur, Montgomery

£129,950

- Spacious Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Family House
- Sitting & Dining Rooms, Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom
- Solid Fuel Heating, Double Glazed where stated
- Ample gardens to front and rear. Open aspect to front
- On the outskirts of the town. Close to the town's playing fields
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 60

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Character barn conversion has spectacular country views

Hen Gor, Nantyr, Llangollen, Wrexham, is a three-bedroom detached barn conversion, set in a rural location with spectacular countryside views. It is for sale through Samuel Wood at £349,999. It has an entrance hall, inner hall, sun lounge, bedroom three (ensuite), dining room, kitchen, utility, downstairs wc, master bedroom (ensuite), bedroom two, bathroom, outbuildings, kennels, an office, workshop, stable and store room, pole barn, large parking area, and gardens, in all extending to around a third of an acre.

Contact Samuel Wood on 01691 659951 or visit www.samuelwood.co.uk



Spacious period home in walking distance of town centre

Within walking distance of the town centre, Graylands, Weston Avenue, Oswestry is an exceptionally well appointed period family home in a mature, quiet residential area.

On the market for £345,000, it has an entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast kitchen, utility, cloakroom, master bedroom (ensuite), three further bedrooms, family bathroom, attractive garden, garage and a potting shed.

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Hengoed, Oswestry, Shropshire

Extended 1950's family house with garage, parking and large garden together with a paddock

3 Reception Rooms. Kitchen. Conservatory. Larder. Utility. Downstairs Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room.
4 Further Bedrooms. Family Bathroom. Garden. Paddock. EPC F



About 4 acres

Guide Price £450,000

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Renovated period property comes with stamp duty offer

With stamp duty paid on the full asking price, Kimberley, Overton Road, St Martins, is a delightful detached period home that has been sympathetically renovated by the present owners, for sale through Town & Country at £269,950.

It has three reception rooms, four bedrooms, superior bathroom, ensuite off the master bedroom, double glazing, oil-fired central heating, a detached garage, driveway parking and gardens.

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Modern family home in sought-after location

In a sought-after position within Mansion Gardens, 19 Charles Parry Close, Oswestry, is roughly half a mile from the town centre, and is priced at £144,950.

With gas central heating and double glazing it has an entrance hall, modern kitchen with built-in electric oven and gas hob, and living room with fireplace housing a gas fire. Double-glazed patio doors lead into the conservatory, which in turn has doors to the garden. Upstairs are three bedrooms and a modern family bathroom. There is off road parking, a garage and low maintenance rear garden.

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- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage and ample parking
- EPC Band D

 JJD808
£159,950

OSWESTRY



- Det. house with purpose built granny annex close to town shops
- D/G C/H
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Study & Laundry
- 3 Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Ground Floor Annex
- Large Garden
- EPC Band F

 JJD762
£267,500

GOBOWEN



- Detached three bedroomed split level house
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Impressive Lounge
- Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility
- Garage & car parking
- Attractive patio garden
- Elevated position overlooking Village
- EPC Band D

 JJD781
£210,000

LLANMYNECH



- Detached Bungalow
- Large S/C Guest Suite/Annex
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Two Large Conservatories
- Garage/Workshop
- Delightful Landscaped Garden
- Ample Parking
- Well Stocked Pond
- Approx. 2 acres in all
- EPC Band D

 JJD817
£750,000

PORTH-Y-WAEN



- Exceptionally Well Appointed Country Property
- Central Heating & D/Glazing
- 2 Good Sized Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Beds
- En-suite
- Bathroom
- Double Garaging and Workshop
- Attractive Garden And Small Paddock
- EPC Band E

 JJD749
£274,500

PANT



- CH/DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom and Shower Room
- Garage & Parking
- Rear Enclosed Paved Yard
- Caravan Standing Area
- Fine Views
- EPC Band - E

 JJD822
£199,950

BABBINSWOOD, WHITTINGTON.



- Detached Cottage
- Occupying quiet position
- UPVC D/G
- Kitchen & Utility
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- 3 Beds.
- Parking
- Large Rear Garden
- EPC Rating - G

 JJD813
£150,000

OSWESTRY



- Excellent Investment Opportunity
- Valuable Investment Properties
- Mixed Commercial/Residential Use
- Town Location
- Car Parking
- P/P for conversion of additional residential unit
- Rental Income £26,000 p/a approx.

 JJD708
OFFERS INVITED ON £265,000

GOBOWEN



- Close Care Residential Bungalow
- Central Heating/Dble. Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Bathroom
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- Rear Enclosed Paved Yard
- EPC Band - E

 JJD821
£113,950

GOBOWEN - TO LET



- Semi Detached Three Bed. House
- GFCH
- D/Glazing
- Sitting Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Front and rear garden
- Walking distance from shops
- EPC Band - J

 JJD070
£520

OSWESTRY - TO LET



- GFCH/DG
- Sitting Room
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Cloakroom/Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Rear Enclosed Garden
- Employment References Required
- EPC Band - E

 JJD068
£575

CHIRK BANK - TO LET



- Side Entrance Conservatory
- Sitting Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage/Parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Employment References Required

 JJD069
£550

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Selattyn £209,995****NEW - NO CHAIN**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a recently completed 4 bedroom family home in the popular village of Selattyn
- The property is situated in an elevated position overlooking the historic Church and the open countryside beyond
- Ent Hall, Ground Floor Shower Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Rm, Utility, Master Bedroom (en-suite) & 3 further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Externally the property has private, low maintenance gardens & off road parking
- uPVC double glazing and oil fired central heating throughout. EPC Rating B

**NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN****Weston
Nr Oswestry £395,000**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a Grade II Listed Mill which has been sympathetically converted to create a spacious home. The property has excellent views over its own Mill Pond and countryside beyond
- Through careful design and craftsmanship the current owners have created spacious and modern living accommodation which preserves the character of this iconic building and retains a host of original features including a working water wheel and some of the original workings
- The property has picturesque gardens set around the extensive Mill Pond which provides an idyllic backdrop for this stunning property

**Morda Close
Oswestry £475,000**

- An Executive Family Home situated on the exclusive Morda Close development on the outskirts of the town of Oswestry
- Entrance Hall with Lounge, Dining Room and a large Kitchen/Breakfast Room with adjoining Utility Room and Cloakroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite & Guest Bedroom with En-Suite. The remaining 2 Bedrooms & Study are served by a large Family Bathroom
- Large private landscaped gardens. Ample parking and Double Garage block with room above which could be utilized for a number of uses. EPC Rating C

**Ardleen
Nr Welshpool £325,000**

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Modern Detached Residence only twelve years old, built to very high standards
- Storm Porch, Large Reception Hall, Cloaks, Study, Spacious Lounge, Sitting Rm, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, First Floor Landing
- Master Bedroom & Guest Bedroom (both en-suite), Two Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- LPG gas central heating, high security double glazing, intruder alarm, double garage & ample parking on a sweeping gravelled driveway. EPC Rating D

**NEW - NO CHAIN****Berwyn Drive
St. Martins £184,995**

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow located close to the centre of the village of St Martins
- Within a generous plot with well maintained gardens and views towards the fore
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Kitchen, Dining Rm, Large Lounge, 3 Double Bedrooms and Bathrm
- Externally the property benefits from a good sized gardens, garaging and off-road parking
- Gas C/H and part secondary glazing. EPC Rating E

**NEW****Bryn Y Castell
Gobowen £249,995**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a spacious Detached Family Home
- The property was constructed in 2009 to the highest standards.
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility
- Integral Garage, Master Bedroom (en-suite), 3 further Bedrooms & Family Bathroom.
- The large rear garden has been extensively landscaped whilst there is a smaller garden & driveway to the front. D/G. Gas C/H. EPC Rating C

**Morda
Oswestry £500,000**

- A substantial Double fronted Georgian style property retains a host of original features, has been extensively modernised by the current owners
- Recently fitted Kitchen, Drawing Rm, Study, Sun Rm, Utility Rm, Cellars, 4 large Beds, Family Bathrm & Separate Shower Rm. EPC Rating F
- Substantial stone/brick built outbuildings which could be used for a host of future uses (subject to planning consents). Further brick built Building is currently used as a Games Rm
- Standing in an elevated position overlooking landscaped gardens with views, large patio, extends to approx 0.72 acre (0.29 ha)

**Perry Road
Gobowen £214,995**

- A deceptively spacious 4 bedroom Detached Property situated within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of Gobowen.
- The property has been extensively modernised to the highest of standards and contains a number of excellent features.
- Lounge with multi-fuel burner, large Kitchen/Dining Room with adjoining Pantry, 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom.
- The property has a large corner plot with raised patio, vegetable plot & integral garage.
- The property also benefits from uPVC D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D

**Wat's Meadow
Gobowen £0**

- A mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes constructed by Fletcher Homes situated on the exclusive Wats Meadow development close to the centre of the popular village of Gobowen
- The properties have been constructed to the highest of specification and have the benefit of a 10 Year NHBC Guarantee
- All properties have a minimum of parking spaces and or garage. Good size rear gardens
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**Morda Close
Oswestry £375,000****NEW**

- A spacious family home situated in the established residential area of Morda Close
- Dining Room is adjoined by Kitchen, Pantry, Utility & Shower Rm
- Rear Entrance Hall provides access to the gardens and a Garden Room
- Completing the Ground floor are 3 Double Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Spacious Lounge having large windows overlooking the gardens, a covered balcony
- An 'L' shaped room currently used as a Study/Bedroom with a host of storage space
- Landscaped gardens with a host of mature shrubs and trees providing ample privacy. Gas C/H, EPC Rating D

**NEWPRICE - NO CHIAN****Meadowbrook Crt
Gobowen £59,950**

- A well appointed Retirement Bungalow set on a purpose built retirement complex on the outskirts of the village of Gobowen. In excellent decorative order throughout
- Entrance Hall, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom, Bedroom
- Double glazing, electric heating, emergency 24 hour care facilities (if required).
- EPC Rating E

**Sycamore Fields
Maesbury Marsh £149,995**

- A spacious 3 bedroom semi-detached property situated on the edge of the popular village of Maesbury Marsh close to the market town of Oswestry.
- The property is immaculately presented with a large garden and has excellent views over open countryside to the rear.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- The property also benefits from ample off road parking, Electric central heating and uPVC double glazing throughout. EPC Rating D

**Croeswylan Lane
Oswestry £239,950**

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Rear Lobby/Utility/Cloaks together with Four Excellent Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom and En Suite. Gas fired central heating, double glazing
- Sun patio and delightful enclosed gardens to the rear. Ample parking to fore
- EPC Rating C

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A most beautifully presented and deceptively spacious 4 bedroom detached family house which enjoys a popular residential locality and is well worthy of inspection. The well planned accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Attractive Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Double Bedrooms (Bedroom 4 with Dressing Area), Re-Fitted Bathroom with separate shower cubicle, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Alarm System, Brick paved driveway providing extensive off-road parking provision, Integral Garage and Most attractively landscaped rear garden. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £199,950

Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog



Enjoying a pleasant village location set within the picturesque Ceiriog Valley, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this tastefully improved and most deceptively spacious 3 bedroom end terraced property to the market which could also be suitable for a holiday retreat. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Attractive Re-Fitted Kitchen, First Floor: Spacious Master Bedroom, Two Further Bedrooms and Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Two Parking Spaces and most delightful surrounding countryside views. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers Over £135,000



Porth-Y-Waen

A tastefully improved 2 bedroom detached country residence which offers excellent private amenities facilities set in approximately 2.5 acres of gardens, outbuildings and a meadow. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room with feature fireplace, Dining Room, Inner Lobby, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility, rear hall, Side Lobby, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating. Long gravel driveway leading to ample parking provision, Stabling and Workshop. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £349,950



Cam O'r Afon, Glyn Ceiriog

3 bed det bungalow benefitting from attractive landscaped gardens with accommodation comprising: Entrance Lobby, Hall, Living Room, Sitting Room, Rear Porch, Breakfast Kitchen, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with separate Shower Cubicle, Oil Fired CH, PVC DG, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage and Store. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £184,950



The Meadows, Gobowen

2 bed det bungalow benefitting from a spacious living room with multi fuel stove, study/dining room and a useful side lobby. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and conveniently placed for local village amenities. The property also comprises: Entrance Hall, Re-fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, carport and garage. Gardens front and rear. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region Of £144,950



Milars Field, Morda

2 bedroom modern bungalow which enjoys an edge of village location with pleasant views to the fore and a generous plot. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Generous Rear Garden and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £139,950



Maes Myllin, Llanfyllin

Immaculately presented and deceptively spacious two double bedroom modern detached bungalow occupying a pleasant position within this recently constructed development which has the benefit of a detached double garage, most attractively landscaped gardens and rooftop views. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £220,000



Tregarthen Lane, Pant

Impressive 4/5 bedroom detached period residence which comprises: High Spec Fitted Kitchen which has been designed to provide a light and airy room opening into a lovely snug room with log burner and dining room, Living room and sitting rooms which retain the character and charm of the original property. Further reception room/cloak, Ground Floor Bedroom and Shower Room, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms and Luxury Family Bathroom, Driveway, Turning Circle and Det. Double Garage. EPC RATING D

Price Guide £495,000



Valley View, Dolywern

Situated within the picturesque Ceiriog Valley, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this tastefully improved and most deceptively spacious character semi detached cottage which offers flexible accommodation and is offered for sale with No onward Chain. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Feature Kitchen/Family Room, Study, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Mezzanine/Sitting Room, Utility, Landing, Three Bedrooms and Further Mezzanine currently utilised as a Fourth Bedroom (Master), Oil Fired Central Heating, Rear Courtyard, Viewing Fully Recommended EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £225,000



Bwlch-y-ddar, Llangedwyn

4 bedroom detached smallholding set in approx 8 acres enjoying far reaching countryside views with accommodation comprising: Entrance Porch, Living Room with feature fireplace, Sitting Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Side Lobby, Ground Floor Bedroom 4, Wet Room, First Floor Landing, Three Further Bedrooms and Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Cottage style garden, Open Fronted Workshop, Car Port and Two Grass Paddocks. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £375,000



Church Lane, Knockin

Occupying a delightful tucked away position yet conveniently placed for local village amenities, 4 bedroom detached dormer bungalow which enjoys generous gardens and countryside views to the rear aspect. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £229,950



Arddleen, Powys

A character 4/5 bedroom tastefully extended detached cottage backing onto the Montgomery canal with a range of useful out buildings with further potential subject to necessary consent set in approximately 1/3 acre, convenient for the A483 road link. Viewing fully recommended to appreciate the excellent property on offer. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £309,950



Belle Vue, Morda

3 bedroom semi detached house which briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge with feature fireplace, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway and off-road parking to front and rear, garage and low maintenance gardens. Viewing fully recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in the region of £142,000



Sarnau, Llanymynech

5 bedroom detached country residence which enjoys a delightful situation this small select development. The property enjoys a generous plot with Gardens to Front and Rear, Double width driveway and Double Garage, Internal Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

Price Guide £450,000



Llanarmon Road, Glyn Ceiriog

A most deceptively spacious 3 double bedroom semi detached character cottage enjoying a pleasant edge of village location with generous detached rear garden which enjoys most delightful not far away over the village and hillsides beyond. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room with feature fireplace, Utility/Store, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom with Separate Shower, Wet Room, First Floor Electric Heating, Agents Note: Two parking spaces available opposite the property. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £157,950



Sandringham Avenue, Oswestry

Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this popular residential locality, Richmond Harvey Properties are favoured with instructions to market this tastefully improved three bedroom detached bungalow which benefits from a recently re-fitted kitchen and bathroom together with a generous rear garden, driveway and garage. Early viewing recommended by the owners agents. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £154,950



Bramblewood Court, Chirk Bank

Enjoying a pleasant position on the fringe of the popular village of Chirk Bank, 3 bedroom modern semi detached house which benefits from a lovely Conservatory and pleasant aspect over fields to the fore. Agents Note: The property is in a semi rural position located a short distance away from the Llangollen branch of the Shropshire Union Canal. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £142,500



Broomhall Close, Oswestry

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and most well appointed 'executive' detached family home which is situated within a select cul-de-sac in an edge of town location. There are particular features to this property and a viewing of the home and gardens are strongly recommended. EPC RATING D

Offers Over £300,000



Llanfyllin, Powys

A truly spacious country residence set in approx. 3.8 acres of gardens and grounds which was formerly a working farm enjoying a delightful rural situation. Driveway providing extensive parking, Garage and Large Detached Outbuilding, Internal Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Price Guide £540,000



Henlle Lane, Weston Rhyn

Offering a wealth of character features, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this character detached barn conversion which has been sympathetically renovated by the present owners. The property enjoys a delightful location over looking open pastured towards Henlle golf course. With flexible living and the potential for annex or bed and breakfast facilities, Henlle Barn offers an exceptional opportunity to purchase a superb country home which is well placed for the A5 road network linking up to the North West and West Midlands. For Sale with No Onward Chain. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £410,000



West Felton

A tastefully extended 3 bedroom detached character cottage which enjoys extensive gardens and surrounding countryside views. The property has the benefit of being sold with No Onward Chain and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Snuggler Hall, Living Room, Ground Floor Bedroom, Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Side Lobby, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Two Further Bedrooms, Driveway providing ample off-road parking. Early Viewing Recommended By The Owners Agents. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £357,000



Buckingham Close, Oswestry

Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this popular residential locality, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow to the market which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Detached Garage and Newly Landscaped Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended on offer. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £163,500



High Street, Weston Rhyn

Sympathetically improved by the current owners, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most spacious 2 bedroom period detached village residence believed to date back circa 1850. The property offers excellent family accommodation of a flexible nature to include a reception room leading itself to bed and breakfast/breakfast house potential. Generous Gardens, Rear Kitchen, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Detached Garage and Newly Landscaped Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended on offer. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £349,950



Mount Drive, Oswestry

3 bedroom Victorian detached family house which retains many original period features and enjoys a private and much sought after locality conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property benefits from extensive landscaped gardens, garage, workshop and sun room. Viewing fully recommended to fully appreciate the accommodation and location on offer. EPC RATING E

Price Guide £357,500



Wern, Llanymynech

4 bed detached edge of village residence which enjoys truly delightful views and landscaped gardens of approx. 0.25 acre. The property briefly comprises: Three Reception Rooms, Generous Kitchen Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Double Garage. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £310,000



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This individual FIVE bedroom executive detached family home is situated in a semi rural location within a popular hamlet.

- 5 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Reception & Conservatory
- Double Garage & Parking
- Open Countryside Views
- Oil Central Heating
- Current EPC Rating D

The Gables, Dovaston

Price: £375,000

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NEW

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- 7 Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- 4 Bathrooms / Shower Rooms
- 2 Detached Barns With Planning Permission
- Lovely Rural Setting Overlooking Lake Vyrnwy
- Grounds Extending To Approx. 1.5 Acres
- Current EPC Rating F

Eunant, Lake Vyrnwy

Price: £500,000

Contact Oswestry



NEW

This four bedroom detached family home is situated in a pleasant rural location only a 10 minute drive from Oswestry Town.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- Stands In 1.6 Acres
- Superb Open Countryside Views
- Oil Central Heating
- Ample Parking
- Current EPC Rating E

Tynycelyn, Cefn Canol

Price: £450,000

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NEW

NO CHAIN

This semi detached rural home is situated in a most peaceful location down a quiet country lane.

- 3 Bedroom
- Countryside Views
- Cottage Gardens
- Dating Back to 1900s
- Parking
- Current EPC Rating E

Elbridge, Ruyton XI Towns

Price: £169,950

Contact Oswestry



NEW

NO CHAIN

This delightful detached country cottage is situated in a picturesque edge of village location.

- 2 Bedroom Cottage
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

Rose Cottage, Llanfechain

Price: £185,000

Contact Oswestry



NEW

NO CHAIN

Dating back to 1899, this is a most unique and versatile property standing in extensive grounds of just under half an acre. The gardens and grounds are a notable feature of this property and need to be viewed to be truly appreciated.

- 3/4 Bedrooms
- 3/4 Reception & Conservatory
- 3 Attic Rooms
- Extensive Grounds
- Garden Stores

South Lodge, Park Hall

Price: £375,000

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NEW

NO CHAIN

This attractive and unique detached family home offers spacious and adaptable accommodation with superb views across the Shropshire Plain and to the Breidden Hills.

- Located On A Quiet No Through Lane
- 3 Reception & Conservatory
- 3 Double Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Double Garage & Ample Parking
- Landscaped Gardens
- Current EPC Rating D

Winch House, Pant

Price: £375,000

Contact Oswestry



NEW

NO CHAIN

This Equestrian property can only be described overall as a "Rural Idyll" situated in picturesque countryside with an abundance of bridle ways within close proximity.

- 3 Bed Detached Character Cottage
- 3 Reception Room
- Heated Swimming Pool
- Detached Stable Block
- 6 Acres Of Pasture Land
- Current EPC Rating F

Rhydygaled, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant

Price: £460,000

Contact Oswestry



NEW

A fine example of a detached country residence situated in a most sought after rural location with stunning open uninterrupted countryside views to all elevations. This property would be ideal for those who would like a country way of life yet within easy reach of excellent commuter links.

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Double Garage & Ample Parking
- Mature South Facing Gardens
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating E

Golden Grove, Treflach

Price: £425,000

Contact Oswestry



NEW

NO CHAIN

This property can only be described as "honest". Benefiting from original features throughout and offering three reception rooms and five bedrooms.

- 5 Bedroom
- 3 Reception Rooms
- In Need Of Modernisation
- Popular Hamlet Location
- Garage & Parking

Bronwylfa, Tregeiriog, Llangollen

Price: £230,000

Contact Oswestry



NEW

NO CHAIN

This three bedroom semi detached property is situated in a popular residential area within walking distance to Whittington Castle and the playing fields.

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Parking
- Current EPC Rating C

Fitzgwarne Drive, Whittington

Price: £159,950

Contact Oswestry



NEW

NO CHAIN

A three bedroom detached dormer bungalow situated in a popular village location.

- 3 Bed Detached Dormer Bungalow
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Oil Central Heating
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Current EPC Rating E

Maes Y Foel, Llansantffraid

Price: £175,000

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NEW

NO CHAIN

A 4/5 bedroom period property with original features situated in a sought after location close to Oswestry town.

- 4/5 Bed Period Property
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens & Parking
- Over Three Floors
- Sought After Location
- Current EPC Rating F

Queens Road, Oswestry

Price: £210,000

Contact Oswestry



NEW

NO CHAIN

This three bedroom detached bungalow is situated in a most popular and quiet residential area with countryside walks on the doorstep. Situated on a corner plot this bungalow is warmed by oil fired central heating.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Oil CH & DG
- Cul De Sac Position
- Current EPC Rating

Sandycroft, Cottage Fields, St Martins

Price: £220,000

Contact Oswestry



NEW

NO CHAIN

An executive five bedroom detached family home situated in a cul-de-sac position in this popular village enjoying countryside views to the rear elevation.

- 5 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Reception & Conservatory
- Double Garage & Parking
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Current EPC Rating C

Parc Bronhyddon, Llansantffraid

Price: £350,000

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NO CHAIN

A fine example of an early Victorian family home with Georgian influences. This property boasts charm and sophistication in each room with retaining original features complimented by tasteful decor.

- 6 Bedroom
- 3 Reception & Conservatory
- Double Garage & Parking
- Sits In Approx One Acre
- Stable Block

The Old Vicarage, Kinnerley

Price: £649,950

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NO CHAIN

A rare opportunity to purchase a detached country cottage with approx 20 acres of woodland with babbling brook and superb unspoilt views.

- 2 Bedroom (Both With En-Suites)
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- Secluded Location
- Approx 20 Acres Of Woodland
- Viewing Advised

Bryn Cottage, Llwynmawr, Glyn Ceiriog

Price: £399,950

Contact Oswestry



NO CHAIN

A three bedroom semi detached family home which has been excellently maintained and is situated on a corner plot with large side garden, garage, two reception rooms and three bedrooms.

- 3 Bedroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Garage & Parking
- Corner Plot
- Current EPC Rating D

Whitefriars, Oswestry

Price: £145,000

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Guide Price: £495,000

3529



Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloakroom lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000

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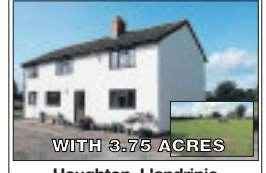


Llangedwyn, Oswestry

An attractive and extremely spacious, detached barn conversion, with uPVC DG, electric storage heating, wood burner, double garage, gardens and small paddock amounting in all to over one acre or thereabouts. Entrance hall, main reception hall, living room, dining room, cloak/WC, large farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, large landing, four good bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family shower room. Occupying a delightful rural position set in the middle of its garden grounds, enjoying superb country views over the surrounding fields and beyond. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £410,000

2744



Haughton, Llandrinio

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £350,000

1962



Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful character country property dating back to early 1800s is renovated to a very high standard, situated in a secluded location with views to the Vymwy and Morda Brook. Set in a secluded rural location, the property enjoys considerable seclusion and privacy. Breakfast kitchen, pantry, utility room, conservatory, living room, study, dining room, four double bedrooms, family bathroom. Garden extends to approx 1/3 of an acre, ample parking space, double garage with loft space and engine pit. EPC Band: D. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £365,000

3547



WITH ANNEXE & LARGE GARDENS

Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II listed detached period cottage set in gardens and grounds of approx 0.6 acre, with self contained annexe/garage block suitable for work from home, holiday let and ancillary accommodation. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Annexe comprises: kitchen, downstairs bathroom, garage/store, upstairs living area, DG, ample parking, summerhouse, greenhouse, stores, polytunnel, good size paved areas for outside dining. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: Offers over £349,950

2717



Llangedwyn, Oswestry

The Green Inn is situated on the B4396 road which runs between Oswestry and Bala in the Tanat Valley renowned for its natural beauty. The Tanat Valley is on the Wales/England border and the Berwyn mountain range is within easy travelling distance. It is ideally located for local trade and tourist traffic also to the area, and provides licensed accommodation on the ground and first floor, along with private living accommodation. EPC Band: F. Contact Agents on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £349,950



Llandysil, Montgomery

An individually designed extremely spacious detached bungalow, situated on the outskirts of the pretty village of Llandysil, set in large gardens extending to approximately 2/3 acre or thereabouts. Reception hall, large sitting room, conservatory, good sized dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, study/bedroom 4, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further double bedrooms, family bathroom. Oil fired CH, wood framed DG, large attached double garage. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £339,950

3144



Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees, hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £295,000



Tregynon, Newtown

An attractive and extremely spacious detached bungalow, having oil CH, uPVC DG, double garage, ample on-site parking and delightful gardens. Large covered entrance, very large reception hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, rear hallway with cloak/WC, very spacious inner hallway, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. It occupies a superb semi-rural elevated location enjoying magnificent views to the front over the gardens and the village of Tregynon, under the picturesque valley. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £249,500

3545



Adfa, Newtown

A well maintained and presented, spacious detached bungalow set in good sized gardens enjoying lovely elevated views over the surrounding fields and countryside to the rear. Hall, cloak cupboard, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, kitchen breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with large luxury en-suite bathroom w, two further double bedrooms, family shower room, further separate WC/cloaks. With cavity wall insulation, LPG CH, wood effect PVC DG, large detached double garage with store room above. EPC Band: TBC

Guide Price: £247,500

3548



Llandrinio, Llanymynech

An attractive and deceptively spacious detached dormer style house with oil CH, uPVC DG, ample parking, garage, and garden. Occupying a very convenient position in the village, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury. Reception hall, living room, dining room, recently fitted luxury kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, ground floor bedroom and bathroom, landing, three further good size bedrooms, and separate WC. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £232,500

2190



Maesbury, Oswestry

A character public house with a family atmosphere and character features. Two lounge bar areas, games room (previously dining area), central bar area, equipped kitchen and store rooms, spacious private accommodation. Large outdoor area with parking for 20 cars, paddock which could be used as beer garden/camping area. Fronting onto Maesbury Road, close to A483 which is a busy thoroughfare, it is free of tie and provides a rare opportunity to purchase a freehold popular public house with scope to expand the business. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £225,000



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Llanfair Caereinion

A double fronted, period town house occupying a central location in Llanfair Caereinion within seconds walk of all local amenities. Oil CH, wood framed DG and enclosed courtyard gardens to the rear with a brick built outbuilding. The property retains many of its original features and comprises: hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cellar/utility room, landing, two double bedrooms and large family bathroom, and two further double bedrooms on the second floor. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £195,000

2876



Heritage Green, Forden

An attractive, modern, deceptively spacious detached family house, having oil CH, sealed unit DG, ample parking, garage, and lovely garden adjoining open countryside to the rear with magnificent views to the wooded hills beyond. It occupies a pleasant and convenient cul-de-sac position in the village with a wide range of local amenities, being about four miles south of the town of Welshpool and about 18 miles west of Shrewsbury. Hall, cloakroom/WC, living room, dining room, conservatory, large extended farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, family bathroom. EPC Band: D. NO CHAIN.

Guide Price: £185,000

2503



Pant, Shropshire

A delightfully located detached bungalow, having oil CH, uPVC DG, garage and large gardens enjoying delightful rooftop views to the rear towards Rodney's Pillar. It occupies a very pleasant position on the fringe of the village, which is easily accessible to Oswestry, Welshpool and Shrewsbury. Recessed entrance, reception hall, large living room/dining room, very large conservatory, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. The property also enjoys access via an adjacent bridle path to a nature reserve. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £178,000

3082



WITH FOUR BEDROOMS

A spacious extended semi-detached property offering affordable four bedroom accommodation, with gas CH, wood framed DG, and ample private off street parking. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, kitchen, good size utility room, timber and brick constructed conservatory, landing, four bedrooms, family bathroom. It occupies a quiet end of cul-de-sac position with enclosed gardens to the rear with small greenhouse. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £139,500

2985



Parc Caradog, Trewern

A modern detached bungalow offering well laid out accommodation, with of mainly wood framed DG with some PVC, oil fired CH, good sized detached garage, further off road parking to the front, and well maintained private gardens to front and rear. Entrance vestibule, central hallway, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, two bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom. The property has been sensibly priced for quick sale and the vendor will contribute £250 towards the purchasers legal fees (subject to conditions). EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £129,950

3540



Heritage Way, Llanymynech

A recently constructed, well presented semi-detached property, with contemporary accommodation; hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. LPG CH, PVC DG, off-street parking for two cars, private rear gardens. It occupies a convenient location within easy walking distance of local amenities and is well positioned for Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool. The property has been sensibly priced and would appeal to young families, first time buyers and investment buyers. EPC Band: C

Guide Price: £124,950

3541



Edgerley Common

An opportunity to acquire approximately 9.19 hectares (22.7 acres) of pasture land situated near the village of Melverley. The land is divided into two parcels which can be accessed separately. It is surrounded by a mixture of mature hedgerows, trees and post and wire fencing, the land has been utilised in recent years for grazing of sheep and cattle. There is a substantial cattle livestock handling pen to the gate way off the first parcel. For further details contact 01743 791336

Melverley Green

An opportunity to acquire a block of accommodation land which incorporates an area of permanent pasture land, offered for sale in two lots. Lot 1 extends to 2.38 hectares (5.49 acres) or thereabouts. Lot 2 extends to 5.95 hectares (14.75 acres) or thereabouts. The land benefits from roadside frontage and is located within the hamlet of Melverley Green which is situated between Oswestry and Shrewsbury. It comprises two well enclosed parcels offering level grazing with good road access to both parcels. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £5,000 per acre



Cockshutt, Ellesmere

- A detached modern house situated close to local amenities
- Hall, sitting room, kitchen/dining room
- Conservatory, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, family bathroom
- Medium sized garden, single attached garage, two parking spaces
- Electric night storage heating, wood framed DG
- Available early August. EPC Band: E

£650 pcm

R0619



Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

- A charming detached country property set in approx 2.5 acres of wonderful gardens and grounds alongside the River Tanat
- Sunroom, dining room, sitting room, drawing room
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- En suite master bedroom, 2 further bedrooms, family bathroom
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Revamped Insignia looks set for success

Vauxhall's flagship mid-size car is getting a re-vamp. The Insignia has been a huge success for Greenhous and the refreshed range is on sale now with first deliveries ready for customers in October.

Once voted Car of the Year, the Insignia has dominated the mid-size sector since its launch in 2008 and the eye-catching design philosophy was instated throughout all new Vauxhalls.

Classic

Richard Potts, sales director at Greenhous, said: "The Insignia has proven to be extremely popular here at Greenhous ever since its launch. The car itself has become a design classic and we are confident that the new range will appeal to both new and existing customers."

"With 40 industry awards to its name – including European Car of the Year 2009, the Insignia has impressed media and customers alike and we have certainly noticed consistently strong sales. With the new range pushing even more design and technological boundaries, we believe the future is bright for the new Insignia range."

Available as a five-door hatch, four-door saloon and sports tourer estate, the new range now starts at just £16,279, nearly £2,000 less



The Vauxhall Insignia has dominated the mid-size sector since its launch in 2008

than entry into the old line-up. There are four new engines including: a 99g/km 140PS 2.0 CDTi offering large cost benefits to fleet, company car and high-mileage drivers; an all-new 1.6 SIDI 170PS turbo; and a new 250PS 2.0 SIDI turbo petrol. Existing diesel units have also benefited from refinement improvements.

The biggest change existing Insignia customers will notice when they sit in the new car is a completely re-designed centre console and instrument cluster. The centre console has been simplified and now has fewer buttons for more

intuitive operation of common functions including air conditioning and infotainment. The instrument cluster now has new dials and a fresh, hi-tech look.

An all-new infotainment system, incorporating Bluetooth-operated internet connectivity, an eight-inch touchscreen, and 3D navigation and voice control, is fully compatible with a driver's smartphone and allows drivers unrivalled communications while on the move. A DMB (Digital Media Broadcast) radio is now standard across the range.



The new Insignia, available in five-door hatch, four-door saloon and sports tourer estate

The exterior has a number of subtle changes, adding to its already successful premium design. The high-gloss chrome grill is wider and lower than before and the logo-bar that cradles the Griffin badge is thinner and includes winglets that link with the re-designed headlamps.

In profile, the new Insignia range's hatch and saloon models are better defined through their unique tailgates and rear spoilers. The crease line on the C-pillar of the hatch fades out before it reaches the spoiler's trailing

edge, giving it a classic coupe silhouette.

Richard concluded: "The Insignia really is the ideal family car, combining an outstanding premium feel with innovative design and tech features. With the basic model starting at £2,000 less than that of the old range, the Insignia is more affordable than ever and undercuts many key rivals."

"With more to offer than ever before, we are confident that the new range will prove to be just as successful as the original Insignia line-up."

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The new BMW 4 Series Coupé. The two-door will be unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September



The 4 Series Coupé will be available with a choice of three engines, with three more to follow after launch

BMW to unveil latest coupé

BMW will unveil the latest coupé to join its range at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September, the new BMW 4 Series Coupé.

The sporty and athletic two-door model will be available with a choice of rear-wheel-drive or xDrive –all-wheel-drive. On sale in the UK from October 5, it will initially be available with a choice of three engines, with three more to follow soon after launch.

The new BMW 4 Series Coupé delivers driving enjoyment alongside the efficiency that has become synonymous with the brand, thanks to the raft of EfficientDynamics technologies standard on every vehicle. The innovative Drive Performance Control, which allows owners to tailor the car's driving characteristics, offers extra flexibility as standard.

Five trim levels – SE, Sport, Modern, Luxury and M Sport – provide extensive equipment

upgrades over the outgoing car, while still allowing full scope for personalisation. Prices start from £31,575 for the BMW 420d SE Coupé.

BMW's fourth-generation sporty, mid-sized coupé has dynamic proportions which differ significantly from those of the 3 Series Coupé. The new car has a 50mm longer wheelbase within an overall length increase of 26mm. It is 43mm wider, with track widths expanded by 45mm at the front and 81mm at the rear. For the first time in a mid-sized BMW coupé, the wheel arches are the widest point of the car. The roofline is 16mm lower, and as a result of lowered suspension on all models the 4 Series Coupé has the lowest centre of gravity of any current BMW.

The typical BMW coupé design elements of short overhangs, a long bonnet, a set-back passenger compartment, shallow frameless side windows leading into the signature Hofmeister kink on each C-pillar and a flowing roofline, result in a dynamic and stretched silhouette.

The slightly forward-leaning double kidney grille and twin round circular headlights make the new 4 Series Coupé instantly recognisable as a BMW. It's given a sporty edge with precise contours and surfaces and a large lower air intake. Xenon headlights are standard, while Adaptive Headlights and – for the first time in this segment – Adaptive LED Headlights are optionally available. The rear also emphasises the increased track width through prominent horizontal lines and stretched L-shaped LED taillights on the outer extremes of the car.

Layered

The interior demonstrates the sporting intent of the 4 Series Coupé through its layered surfaces, driver-focused control layout, clear instruments with black-panel display, Sport multi-function leather steering wheel and free-standing 6.5in iDrive control display. There are automatic seatbelt feeders for the front occupants, while the rear bench has been designed

with moulded side supports and recessed head restraints to look like two individual seats.

With a wide track and low centre of gravity, allied to the familiar BMW 50:50 weight distribution, the new BMW 4 Series Coupé is one of the sportiest models in the BMW portfolio.

The new BMW 4 Series Coupé will initially be available with a choice of three BMW TwinPower Turbo engines, supplemented by three further TwinPower Turbo engines within a month of launch. An eight-speed Sport automatic transmission will become available on every model at the same time (standard on the 430d and 435d xDrive), while xDrive will also be offered on the 420d and 420i.

Every engine already meets the EU6 emissions regulations, not due to become mandatory for more than a year. A standard suite of BMW EfficientDynamics technologies ensure that driving enjoyment is not at the expense of high running costs and excessive emissions.

The three engines available from launch – the

2.0-litre four-cylinder 428i petrol unit and 420d turbo-diesel, and the 3.0-litre six-cylinder 435i – are all direct-injection turbocharged engines delivering exceptional torque from low revs with instantaneous power and the utmost refinement. The 400Nm maximum torque of the 306hp 435i is available uninterrupted from 1,200rpm to 5,000rpm, aided by a combination of Valvetronic variable valve control and Twin-Scroll turbocharging. The same combination, along with Double-Vanos variable camshaft control, appears in the 245hp 428i, which maintains its maximum 350Nm from 1,250rpm to 4,800rpm. While the 184hp 420d offers 380Nm of torque, accessible from 1,750rpm to 2,750rpm.

The standard six-speed manual gearbox is characterised by a short shift action and an optimum spread of ratios, allowing drivers to exploit the power and torque of the TwinPower turbo engines with the maximum efficiency.

The BMW 4 Series Coupé is priced from £31,575 on the road for a BMW 420d SE Coupé.

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BMW 114i Sport 3-door

Model	Representative Example: BMW 114i Sport 3-door
Monthly payment	£279.00
Term of agreement	48 months
Annual mileage	8,000 miles
Customer deposit	£279.00
Dealer deposit contribution	£981.81
Total deposit	£1,260.81
On the road cash price*	£19,180.00
Amount of credit	£17,919.19
Rate of interest (fixed)	5.90% APR
Credit arrangement fee^	£0.00
Option to purchase fee**	£10.00
Optional final payment	£7,776.00
Total amount payable	£22,159.81
APR	5.9% APR
Excess mileage charge (per mile)	5.10 pence

Official fuel economy figures for the BMW 1 Series 5-door Sports Hatch range: Extra Urban 52.3-83.1mpg (5.4-3.4l/100km). Urban 32.8-62.4mpg (8.6-4.4l/100km). Combined 42.8-74.3mpg (6.6-3.8l/100km). CO2 emissions 154-99g/km.

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MINI diesel has evolved

One man, one engine, and no end of anniversaries.

It was 120 years ago that Rudolf Diesel started developing the compression-ignition engine that was soon to be named after him. The very first prototype completed its test run in August of that same year. The first diesel engine factory was founded 115 years go. The engine invented by Diesel was used in ships for the first time 110 years ago, and it has been 90 years since the first diesel-powered truck went on the road. The MINI was first fitted with a diesel engine ten years ago. Each of these anniversaries is reason enough to celebrate the qualities of the diesel engine – and to commemorate its inventor, who died exactly 100 years ago.

Inspired

Maximum efficiency was the driving force that inspired Rudolf Diesel to develop his novel engine. His design was based on heating the air in the combustion chamber by means of compression to such an extent that the fuel around it would ignite and release large amounts of energy.

This is why the diesel engine has such a high level of efficiency. The fact that this principle also generates hallmark MINI driving fun was first demonstrated in the summer of 2003, when the MINI One D was presented as the first diesel model of the premium British small car brand. Its 1.4-litre all-aluminium turbodiesel with common rail direct injection had an output of 55kW/75bhp. It combined the characteristic MINI go-kart feeling with an average fuel consumption on the EU test cycle of 4.8 litres per 100 kilometres.

But this was just the beginning of the diesel engine's career in the MINI. Two years later the MINI One D was upgraded to 65kW/88bhp, and though its performance figures increased, fuel consumption remained constant. Then 2007 saw the launch of the next stage of development: the Geneva Motor Show was the setting



It is 10 years since the first diesel MINI. Today's generation benefits from a whole range of advancements

for the world premiere of the MINI Cooper D. In this model, the new 1.6-litre turbodiesel now delivered 80kW/110bhp. The car's fuel consumption was reduced yet again in spite of a 25 per cent increase in power output, while 4.4 litres per 100 kilometres once again put MINI ahead of the competition in terms of efficiency.

Thanks to minimalism, however, this was still not the last word. The current MINI models with diesel engines are fitted with further refined injection technology, turbochargers with variable turbine geometry, auto start/stop function, shift point display, brake energy regeneration, on-demand operation of ancillary units, electro-mechanical steering and cutting-edge exhaust gas purification technology. The result: 120 years after Rudolf Diesel made his pioneering invention, the engine of the MINI Cooper D provides an impressive peak output of 82kW/112bhp, a maximum torque of 270Nm at 1,750rpm, a fuel consumption on the EU test

cycle of 3.8 litres per 100 kilometres and CO₂ emissions of 99 grams per kilometre.

As MINI diesel technology was consistently refined, the variety of engines which functioned according to this principle increased. There are now three diesel engines available to choose from for the MINI.

Their common design features reflect the outstanding development expertise of the BMW Group in the field of engine technology. An aluminium crankcase, turbocharger with variable turbine geometry, common rail direct injection with solenoid-valve injectors and a powerful engine control system geared towards each specific model guarantee a level of efficiency which impressively confirms Rudolf Diesel's vision of an 'ideal thermal machine'.

The latest generation of the MINI One D is powered by a 1.6-litre engine which delivers 66kW/90bhp and a maximum torque of 215Nm that goes on stream at 1,750 rpm. Fuel con-

sumption and CO₂ emissions are the same as those of the 82kW/112bhp MINI Cooper D. The entry-level diesel engine is also available in the models MINI Clubman and MINI Countryman, transferring its power via a six-speed manual transmission in each case. For the MINI Cooper D there is also the option of a six-speed automatic transmission which is combined with a 2.0-litre version of the four-cylinder engine in each model version. The choice between the two variants applies to the MINI, MINI Clubman, MINI Convertible, MINI Countryman and MINI Paceman.

The latest and most powerful way to experience the kind of pulling power and efficiency so typical of a diesel engine is provided by the MINI Cooper SD. Also operating with a capacity of 2.0 litres, this four-cylinder power unit generates a peak output of 105kW/143bhp and provides a maximum torque of 305Nm between 1,750 and 2,700 rpm. And this engine offers exemplary



The first diesel MINI arrived in 2003


economy as well as supreme power delivery. The MINI Cooper SD sprints from zero to 100km/h in just 8.1 seconds, achieving a top speed of 215km/h. Its average fuel consumption on the EU test cycle is 4.3 litres to 100 kilometres, with CO₂ emissions of 114 grams per kilometre.

Standard

The most powerful diesel in the MINI engine portfolio is available for all seven models – the MINI, MINI Clubman, MINI Convertible, MINI Coupé, MINI Roadster, MINI Countryman and MINI Paceman. In each model it is combined as standard with a six-speed manual transmission or else an optional six-speed automatic transmission. Its power can also be optionally transmitted to all four wheels by means of the all-wheel drive system ALL4 in the MINI Cooper SD Countryman and the MINI Cooper SD Paceman.

As the range of variants has expanded, so the popularity of the diesel engine in MINI models has continuously increased. Despite the fact that the market for this engine type is largely focused within Europe, nearly one in four MINIs supplied to customers in 2012 was fitted with a diesel.





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BMW 316i SE Saloon

Model	Representative Example: BMW 316i SE Saloon
Monthly payment	£339.04
Term of agreement	48 months
Annual mileage	8,000 miles
Customer deposit	£339.00
Dealer deposit contribution	£1,307.00
Total deposit	£1,646.00
On the road cash price*	£24,010.00
Amount of credit	£22,364.00
Rate of interest (fixed)	3.90% APR
Credit arrangement fee^	£0.00
Option to purchase fee**	£10.00
Optional final payment	£8,838.00
Total amount payable	£26,428.88
APR	3.9% APR
Excess mileage charge (per mile)	4.05 pence

Fuel economy figures for the BMW 3 Series Saloon range: Extra Urban 43.5 – 78.5mpg (6.5 – 3.6 l/100km) Urban 22.4 – 56.5 mpg (12.6 - 5.0 l/100km) Combined 32.5 – 68.9 mpg (8.7 - 4.1 l/100km) CO₂ emissions 202 - 109 g/km.

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On the Road

Compact crossover a vehicle for all seasons

The all-new Peugeot 2008 crossover has demonstrated the capability of its pioneering Grip Control enhanced traction technology in the most dramatic way – by driving up and down an indoor snow slope.

During the recent launch event for UK media, the driving route took journalists out of the summer sun and into the rather cooler climate of the popular Snowdome in Tamworth.

Once inside, guests discovered examples of the stylish new compact crossover parked at the base of the 170-metre ski slope. First they took the wheel of a 2008 without Grip Control and struggled to get more than a few metres on the hard-packed snow.

Stark

Swapping to a car with Grip Control, which is standard on Allure and Feline trim levels with 1.6 petrol and diesel engines, the contrast in performance couldn't have been more stark. Thanks to the enhanced traction control and all-season tyres – a feature of every car with Grip Control – the Peugeot 2008 drove straight to the top of the slope.

The average gradient of 27 degrees coupled with a 90-degree corner posed no problems. As if that wasn't impressive enough, drivers were even encouraged to perform an emergency stop on the descent. The car's advanced traction system brought it quickly to a halt with the minimum of fuss.

The launch of the Peugeot 2008 crossover was the largest media driv-



The Peugeot 2008 compact crossover with Grip Control

ing event ever staged at Tamworth Snowdome, the UK's first indoor snow slope when it opened in 1994.

Grip Control is designed for customers with active lifestyles who drive on a wide range of surfaces and occasionally need extra traction. It is patented technology from the PSA Group, Peugeot's parent company.

Acting through components which are already fitted to the vehicle, Grip Control works on the car's front wheels to boost driver confidence and safety. Standard mode is designed for normal road conditions and where there is a low level of skidding. However, the driver can switch away from

Standard mode using the dial located in the centre console, opting instead for Snow, Off-Road, Sand or ESP Off. The result is a level of performance usually associated with 4x4 off-road-ers.

The all-new Peugeot 2008 crossover with Grip Control costs from £16,195 on the road.

The Peugeot 2008 crossover range starts from £12,995 on the road and is available in UK dealerships from the July 18. Demand is anticipated to be as strong as it has been for the much acclaimed 208, which has already secured over 35,000 UK orders during its first full year.



Setting standards – the Mercedes A 45 AMG is the first all-wheel drive A-Class to arrive in the UK

Aiming to set benchmarks

The new Mercedes A 45 AMG is nearly here. As well as aiming to set new dynamic benchmarks, the A 45 AMG marks many firsts – it's the first production car to achieve 181hp per litre, the first AMG with fewer than six cylinders, the first compact AMG and the first all-wheel drive A-Class to arrive in the UK.

Today, prices are announced for the ultimate incarnation of the A-Class – the A 45 AMG will start at £37,845 on the road with first deliveries in August.

Powered by an advanced, hand-built four-cylinder turbo-charged engine with an output of 360hp delivered at 6,000 rpm and 450Nm of torque between 2,250 and 5,000 rpm, it's twinned with a development of the AMG Speedshift DCT 7-speed sports transmission and AMG 4MATIC all-wheel drive. Combining mighty performance – it can accelerate from a standstill to 62 mph in just 4.6 seconds – with refinement, the A 45 AMG can return 40.9mpg on the combined cycle while emitting 161g/km of CO₂.

Backing up the performance are styling enhancements, split between delivering a more imposing look and fulfilling functional requirements. A new front bumper with extensions to the air dams to feed the intercooler is joined by a new AMG grille, a deep front splitter and, at the side of the car, gloss black sill extensions.

A new braking system, springs and dampers are behind

twain five-spoke 18in wheels. At the back, a new bumper sits above a bespoke exhaust system. The A 45 AMG is available in a choice of eight colours and three wheel designs in either 18in or 19in diameter.

Inside, the extensive changes continue – AMG Performance seats, fitted as standard, with red stitching and red nappa leather provide enhanced lateral support. A sports steering wheel in nappa leather with red stitching, red seats belts and the AMG badge on the seats add to the exclusive AMG feel along with carbon weave, textured trim.

Unique

The AMG Drive Unit, allowing the selection of the gears from the centre console, is joined by metal paddle shifters located behind the steering wheel. A unique AMG electronic display located between the instrument dials, DAB and Audio 20 with iPod and Bluetooth connectivity are also fitted as standard.

Individualisation options include the AMG Aerodynamics package (£1,530), including a large front splitter with additional flaps as well as an AMG rear aerofoil for extra downforce. There is also the AMG Performance Exhaust (£510), denoted by four chrome tailpipes, to provide a more purposeful engine note.

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Arthurs general sales manager Steve Hughes

Best for customers

A huge accolade has been bestowed on a Mid Wales motor dealership.

Award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs of Newtown has been crowned as the number one Vauxhall dealer in the region for customer satisfaction.

Arthurs says its region covers Shropshire, North Wales and the Merseyside area – a large area – and they regard being the number one Vauxhall dealer in this region as a 'great achievement'.

Tremendous

Arthurs of Newtown general sales manager Steve Hughes said: "The whole team put a tremendous effort into giving customers a good experience when dealing with the branch. It is of course very pleasing for the team to be recognised in this way."

He said there were around 360 Vauxhall dealers in the country.

"We have been steadily improving our ranking over the last 12 months. Our latest performance takes us to 16th in the UK. We are quietly confident," said Steve, "that the next few months will take us into the top 10 Vauxhall dealers in the UK, which will be tremendous."

He said that Vauxhall contacted all customers following delivery of their new car and customers had the opportunity to remain anonymous.

"But we have found that our customers are more than willing to put their named endorsement to the questionnaire and as a consequence our service is improving," added Steve.

Event a roaring success

A roaring success . . . That was how sales manager Craig Huxley, of Arthurs Vauxhall, the award-winning dealer with branches in Oswestry and Newtown, described the recent Vauxhall 'Big Event.'

He said the attraction of the free fuel offer proved a real draw to customers as well as Arthurs going the 'extra mile' to ensure every customer was given an 'exceptional' deal on a new Vauxhall car.

Craig said: "We had anticipated selling between 12 and 15 new Vauxhalls over the weekend of the Vauxhall 'Big Event'. But we burst through that number after 24 hours and finished with 34 new car sales, which is exceptional."

"And much of it was due to the enormous success of the free fuel offer which was a real winner."

"Equally pleasing was the fact that we achieved sales right across the range. In particular, Astra sales were very pleasing."

"We have been so delighted with the results that the free fuel incentive is to be extended."

He announced that Arthurs Vauxhall is holding a 'free fuel for a Network Q used car' event, which he expects to be equally successful.

"Over the last week," said Craig, "Arthurs has been

actively sourcing many more Network Q used cars to provide a large selection of vehicles for interested buyers."

He said the free fuel Arthurs Network Q used car promotion would run through July.

"In addition to the free fuel we are giving terrific deals to ensure we reach the used car sales targets set for us by Vauxhall."

"As well as the increased selection of Network Q used cars on offer from Arthurs, we have hundreds more nearly new Vauxhalls available direct from Vauxhall themselves."

Management

"Many of these cars," continued Craig, "will have a high specification due to being the vehicles driven by the Vauxhall management team."

Another area in which Arthurs Vauxhall has been proactive over the last few months is in commercial vehicle sales.

Arthurs managing director Nigel Williams said: "We have sold more nearly new Vauxhall vans in the first six months of this year than in the whole of the last two years put together."

"We anticipate this trend continuing through the remainder of the year and in particular at our free fuel event."

If someone is interested in a quality used car and wants some free fuel, they need to visit one of our dealerships now, added Nigel Williams.



Craig Huxley and a Network Q used car with the free fuel offer



Gary gets to know the Vauxhall range from the driving seat

Gary's 20 years in sales

Experienced motor industry sales executive Gary Street is enjoying his first taste of working with the Vauxhall brand.

The 52 year old has experienced a number of leading marques during a sales career spanning 20 years, but says Vauxhall 'beats them all.'

Gary, who has joined Arthurs of Oswestry as an additional member of the sales team, said: "Coming to this dealership is the best career move I have made and I have been at other local franchise dealers and car supermarkets."

"I am most impressed with Vauxhall cars, which suit all tastes and budgets, and the manufacturer really does support the dealer with offers that include 0 per cent finance, deposit allowances and partners' discount scheme."

He has been in sales since starting in the motor trade in 1993 and during his career has been a sales controller and manager working mainly in the Stoke-on-Trent area.

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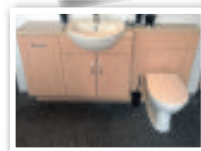
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School to hold an 'open day every day'

APPLICATIONS to The Marches School at Oswestry which is opening a new sixth form in September have "increased significantly" from both within and beyond its catchment area, staff have said.

And bosses at the school – the first academy in the Shropshire Council area – have unveiled a new flexible strategy to allow parents and potential pupils to take a look around, meaning "every day is an open day".

Alison Pearson, deputy headteacher at The Marches School, said: "Our Year 7 intake this September will be 15 per cent higher than last year – a very positive and encouraging increase."

"The Marches is an outstanding school and this year we have been delighted to receive a number of applications from areas outside of the local catchment, suggesting the school's popularity is growing not only locally, but across Shropshire and into Powys and Wrexham."

"We are, therefore, encouraging parents to visit early, have a look around and gather all the information they need to make fully informed choices."

The school's main open evening will be held in October. Contact the school on (01691) 664400 or visit www.marchesschool.co.uk

Claims redevelopment will cut down criminal activity

THE redevelopment of an area of Oswestry will reduce criminal activity in the neighbourhood, housing bosses have said.

But their plans have already met opposition from some neighbours in Gate Street who say the housing bid will cause parking problems.

Shropshire Towns And Rural Housing, Shropshire Council's new homes management organisation, wants to build two affordable family homes on an area of land currently used for parking.

Planning papers in support of the housing group's bid says the development will improve the look of the area as well as help address crime.

The papers say the area "is poorly maintained and is in a state of disrepair" and add: "Parking surveys have recently been carried out at different times of the day and week and have found that the site is not heavily used for parking."

"The loss of this area for proposed affordable housing is compensated for by the addition of five communal parking spaces for members of the public."

"There is evidence of criminal activity in the area, as recorded by the National Policing Improvement Agency."

They said last year two reports of anti-social behaviour were reported as well as one burglary, two criminal damage and arson offences and two violent crimes. In April of this year, another incidence of anti-social behaviour was recorded.

The proposal is currently out for public consultation and has already attracted two objections from neighbours.

Resident Graham Shone said: "Where would I park my vehicle – as parking in front of my property on Llwyn Road has caused a lot of damage to my vehicle to date?"

"I have had my vehicle jumped upon and also scratched all down the sides whilst parked overnight. I now park my vehicle where the proposed houses are to be built, where am I to go?"

Hospital closely monitors pool

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital which has an outstanding record on infection control is monitoring its hydrotherapy pool closely to ensure there is no outbreak of an infection which killed babies in Belfast.

Experts at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital have also carried out a comprehensive review of all sinks to ensure there is no chance of the Pseudomonas infection, which can be harboured in water systems, taking hold.

Three newborn babies died in an outbreak of the infection in Belfast at the beginning of the year.

At the Orthopaedic Foundation Hospital trust board meeting Jayne Downey, director of infection prevention and control, said the review of sinks had not been compulsory but had been carried out as a precaution.

"We have also looked at the hydrotherapy pool, in which water has to be kept at a higher than normal temperatures, made some changes and will monitor it closely."

Cricketers lay on cream teas



Members of the club are seen preparing for a fundraising afternoon tea.

IT'S the quintessential English scene – afternoon tea at the pavilion whilst watching a game of cricket.

Now one village cricket team is offering that experience to members of the public, to raise funds for the club.

As well as producing cricket teas for its teams each week, volunteers are Knockin Cricket Club are now making traditional cream teas for those watching the Saturday afternoon matches.

And they are throwing open the pavilion to all visitors so they can enjoy scones and strawberries and a pot of tea.

Charles Roberts, one of those behind the idea, said: "We are always looking for ways of raising funds for the club."

"It's a beautiful ground on the Kinnerley Road just outside Knockin and we are always getting comments about how traditionally English it all looks."

"So we decided to offer cream teas to people who have come to watch our games or are just passing by. There are a lot of lovely places to visit in this area and people could combine a trip here with a cream tea."

Anyone who can help should call Mr Roberts on (01691) 682523.

NEWS

in brief

Paintings by art group in display

AN ART group in Oswestry is putting together arrangements for its summer exhibition.

The town's Memorial Hall will host the exhibition of work by members of the Oswestry and District Society of Artists from July 27 to August 4.

Each member has been invited to submit up to seven paintings for the exhibition.

Many of the area's leading artists will have their work on show and for sale. Subjects will range from abstracts to botanical studies, landscapes, animal portraits and flowers.

John family art work on display

ARTWORK by a family of Welsh artists is on display at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry.

Edwin and Sara John, the son and grand daughter of Augustus John, one of Wales' great visual artists, will have their work exhibited together for the first time in the exhibition which opened last Saturday.

The exhibition will run until August 31.

Designs on show

CARDS produced by Oswestry residents on the theme of "where you come from" are on show as part of an exhibition at Qube gallery. Designs will be on display at the Oswald Road gallery until August 5.

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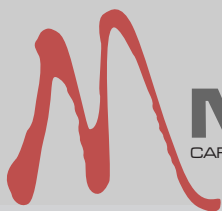
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Stars are lined up to thrill at festival

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THE 15th edition of Llangollen's annual "Fringe Festival" will take place from July 18-28.

Llangollen Fringe Festival is dedicated to bringing exciting and engaging performances and events to the town, and this year is no exception.

Visitors to the festival will be able to participate in an expanded workshops programme including poetry, choir singing and also get the chance to be in a band for a day.

The main line up of guests at the event is as exciting as ever and will feature performances from legendary British band The Blockheads.

Comedy

There is also an evening with comedian, writer and actor Alexei Sayle, and a performance from the former Poet Laureate, Sir Andrew Motion.

Guto Pryce of Super Furry Animals will be performing and there will be an energetic night of dancing with the award winning gypsy folk band Alejandro & The Magic Tombolinos and stand up comedy.

With a jazz concert on one of the heritage steam trains and a closing night at the fabulous setting of Valle Crucis Abbey this year's Fringe promises to be the biggest yet.

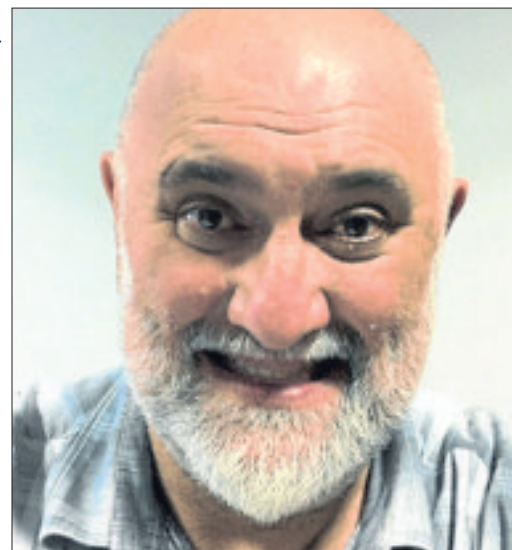
As well as attracting visitors from all over the UK, the Fringe continues to grow its local following and is achieving its aim to become "the festival for the town in the town."

The Fringe is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers and only

receives limited public funding. Tickets for the whole festival are on sale priced at £55.

The festival ticket allows access to all of the main events across the

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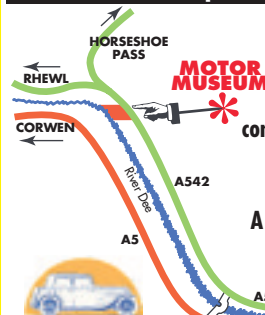
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Force boss lays out key aims for police

THE police commissioner for Mid Wales has revealed his key aims for the next 12 months including providing a more open and transparent force.

Christopher Salmon, commissioner for Dyfed Powys Police, said he will also strive to protect the public through frontline policing, ensure police services best address the area's geographical challenges and ensure that support services for the force are fit for purpose.

They are a part of Mr Salmon's plans for 2013/14 which have been unveiled for the first time this week.

He said: "I plan to ensure that Dyfed Powys Police is a public-focused, sustainable and resilient service that helps deliver the safest communities in the country."

"Important topics under review include rural policing and police accessibility. This work will inform new strategies. In both cases, I foresee that innovation and new technology will play a big part."

"The police alone cannot make our communities safer and for this reason, work is continuing to better understand the effective use of other agencies in preventing and responding to crime and disorder."

The document covers the time since his November election.

Racehorse breeder Rachael takes reins of new venture

RACHAEL Birchall was a successful racehorse breeder for 20 years with no thoughts of changing her career.

But after helping her grandmother remain independent throughout the last two years of her life, the 41-year-old decided to take up the reins of a new business to help more older people to keep their independence.

Rachael had joined the family business of racehorse breeding after finishing her education, and enjoyed the job for 20 years. Her family owned the champion racehorse Saxon Farm, winner of the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in 1983, and also owned Accumulator, a top event horse that represented Great Britain.

But that changed when after becoming a widow, Rachael's 93-year-old grandmother moved into a flat next door to her home on the family stud farm.

With Rachael's support she was able to continue living independently and enjoy a good quality of life until she died in 2009.

After seeing how much her grandmother gained by being able to remain in her own home, Rachael has now set up a franchise of Home Instead Senior Care to offer help and support to older people in Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Ludlow and surrounding areas.

She said: "It wasn't anything I'd considered before looking after my grandmother. I never thought I'd do anything aside from work with the horses, but I've given up the horses completely now."

After deciding to take the plunge and set up her own business, Rachael started doing research on the subject, speaking with people who offer similar services in other parts of Shropshire.

"It took about a year to get everything set up, then from doing the research to opening the business took about 18 months," she said.

"There are other franchises of Home Instead Senior Care in Telford and in Whitchurch and Market Drayton. I spoke to them first when I was thinking about it and got some details from them. It was definitely

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

with Pam Griffin



helpful to speak to people who were already doing it, and they were happy to help."

Rachael already has seven clients and 20 members of staff, and is now looking to take on more clients and recruit up to 150 more caregivers over the next five years.

She said: "We differ from many other home-care providers because we offer a service which allows clients to get the help they want, exactly when they want it, no matter what time of the day."

"That help might range from personal non-medical care, chores around the home and doing the shopping, right through to looking after pets, cooking meals and accompanying clients on visits to friends, club meetings, sporting events or outings."

"Companionship is very important. We match one caregiver per client, so our carers always have the time for a proper chat and don't have to dash off to the next appointment."

"The feedback we get from the clients is very good, very positive so far."



Rachael Birchall with, back from left, care manager Heather Ireland and caregivers Lynn Oakley, Claire Hern and Colin Hern.



Ex-horse breeder Rachael Birchall with the last of her horses Trumpet Voluntary.

Bus routes are being diverted for work

BUS services between Llanfyllin and Oswestry and Shrewsbury will be diverted for up to five months when the Llansanffraid Bridge is closed for repairs.

The bridge is scheduled to close from July 8 for strengthening. As a result, bus services 72 and 74 will be diverted via Llynclys then Llanyrnnech.

Departure times from Oswestry and Shrewsbury will be unchanged, but the 74 will leave Llanfyllin five minutes earlier. There will be some modification to the timetables including pick up points in Llanyrnnech. There will also be adjustments to some school buses to Llanfyllin High School which currently use the bridge.

For further details contact Tanat Valley Coaches on (01691) 780212.

Careers staff will give help with CVs

PEOPLE on the lookout for a new career can attend the Oswestry Library Work Club tomorrow (Friday).

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Herb walk will take place at Trust castle

A HERB walk will be held at Chirk Castle on Sunday led by local medical herbalist Natalie Morris.

Natalie will show visitors the castle's kitchen and formal gardens looking at medicinal plants currently used by herbalists in their modern-day practices.

She said: "We will look at remedies past to remedies present, what modern day herbalists do and what plants they use. I'll be explaining how these plants are applied, what active chemicals they contain and their therapeutic actions and uses."

Based in nearby Oswestry, Natalie qualified five years ago and is a member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists, the longest-standing professional body in the UK.

She said the institute was bound by a strong code of ethics and its members have a high level of training.

Joanne Thompson, from Chirk Castle, said: "A variety of herbs growing in the garden was a necessity for our ancestors. Before modern medical developments many people relied on herbs and plants to make home-made remedies. It was usually the role of the housewife, whether she was a farmer's wife or a lady of the manor, to look after the health of her family and servants." The walk is at 2pm.

Heatwave causing concerns

A study in expressions as parents and children listen to infants singing at Ifton Heath Country Primary School parents' open afternoon on July 12, 1973.



And here we're turning back the clock 40 years, so these members of St Martins Young Wives football team will be somewhat less young now. They were about to play in a charity match at a fete on St Martins football field. From left: Mrs N. Morris, Mrs I.M. Lloyd, Mrs M.R. Garbett, Mrs B. Owen, Mrs S. Stokes, Mrs E. Pritchard, Mrs I. Drury, Mrs V.E. Davies, Mrs C. Reade, Mrs M. James, and Mrs J. Colohan.

HERE'S some hot news. Traders at Oswestry's Powis Hall market are sweltering in temperatures of about 90 degrees during the present heatwave.

And according to one town councillor some are thinking about quitting the market due to the unbearable conditions, and some elderly women are on the verge of being overcome.

Now if this news is news to you, it is not surprising, because we are harking back exactly 30 years to some of the Oswestry area news stories of this week back in July 1983.

There was a minor mystery on the town's central car park where spaces for pass holders were numbered out of sequence.

The solution to the riddle turned out to be that, while the passes were numbered in order, the pass holders could choose where they wanted their parking space to be. The chosen spots were then given their pass number.

by Toby Neal

Down the road in Whittington, a special meeting had elected a completely new parochial church council and church wardens.

"Members of the former church council resigned two months ago when the former Rector of Whittington, the Rev Tony Butler, announced he was leaving because he could no longer work within the system of the Church of England," reported the Shropshire Star of July 12.

"Mr Butler plans to form the Oswestry Community Church with members of his old congregation from Whittington."

Also in Whittington, there was a new bobby - Constable Steve Loveridge. He had began his police career in Oswestry, but had lately been working in Whitechurch.

If 30 years ago is a bit too recent for you, how about July 1973?

Among news snippets at this time, Frank Chapman was going to retire at the end of term after 30 years as English teacher at Oswestry Boys' High School, while children at Weston Rhyn Primary School held a "Euro Festival" to celebrate Britain's entry into the Common Market.

Meanwhile the dispute by Oswestry's dustmen had ended. The 20 council refuse collectors had withdrawn their overtime ban and non-co-operation decision.

They claimed that since paper sacks had been introduced for collecting rubbish they had been unable to do all the collections in the time allocated, and were working overtime and losing an incentive bonus.

A question mark had arisen over the date of the move of Oswestry Junior School from Welsh Walls to new premises at Beech Grove.

The transfer was expected on July 23, but it was uncertain whether the clerk of works of the new building would be ready to hand it over then.



Back in July 1983 Whittington had a new village bobby in the form of Constable Steve Loveridge.

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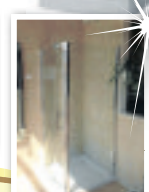
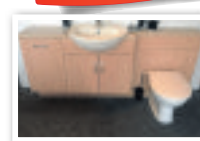
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FEATURE AND NEWS

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Children net first prize in contest

OSWESTRY'S finest young business brains have scooped first prize in a competition which has tested their investment prowess.

Each year the Rotary Club of Oswestry run an investment competition contested by six teams from the area's secondary schools.

Each team in the contest is given a notional £10,000 to "invest" in the markets during a six-month period to try and beat their competitors.

Once the teams choose their investment package, staff at the Oswestry branch of the HSBC bank keep track of gains, losses and costs.

After six months the bank staff tell the competition organisers how much each team would have won or lost if the money had been real.

This year the investment title went to a team from The Marches School.

The winning team consisting of Grace Meredith, Emily Davies, Jasmin Martello and Cameron Hughes, who turned their initial investment into a total of £13,669 – an increase of more than 36 per cent in six months.

Whirligigs in a spin to find food on water

SUMMER sunshine, warm, lazy days. Perfect weather for sailing and if you live up in the north of the region, you can see people doing just that on Shropshire's meres.

And indeed us Brits are a proud, sea-faring nation... even if we are landlocked here in Shropshire. But "messing around in boats" as Ratty would say, was far from the minds of the first ship builders.

Vital for transport, trade and war, archaeological evidence indicates that humans have been using boats for millennia. For example, our species first arrived on Borneo at least 120,000 years ago almost certainly by sea from the Asian mainland during an ice age period when the sea was lower and distances between islands shorter. The ancestors of Australian Aborigines and New Guineans also went across the Lombok Strait to Sahul by boat over 50,000 years ago.

Back then it was a pretty risky business but as times went by (and certainly within a hundred years or so of Christ) aides in navigation became common practice on boats and ships around the globe. The Chinese invented the first compass around 200BC, oddly to search for their God, and got the real hang of things about 1,000 years later during the Song Dynasty, realising the compass's navigational properties.

But during all of this time there was one simple instrument that helped define wind direction; the weathervane. After its invention around 50BC came the first use of it as a maritime instrument and it was one of the primary examples of a "whirligig" – a device that spins or whirls. Today the most modern types of whirligig are digital radars found on

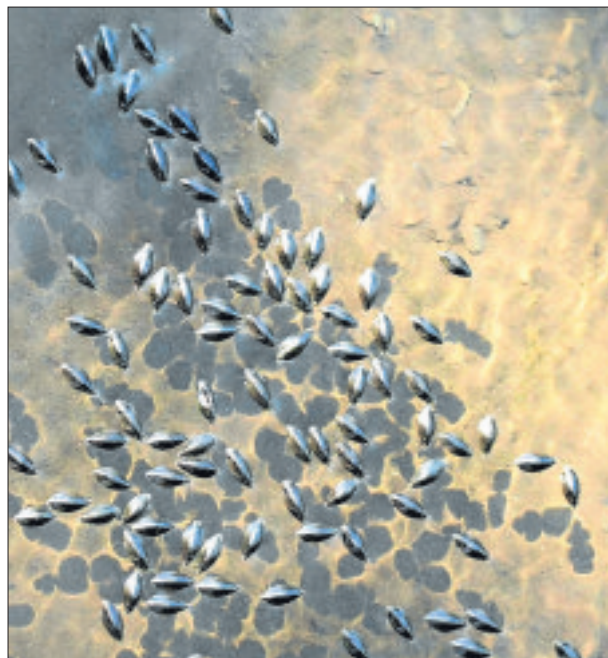
ON THE WILD SIDE
with Ben Waddams



the most high-tech battleships and submarines, yet as is often the case in the natural world, there is a creature that encompasses all the above, albeit on a smaller and simpler scale. Back to the meres...

Pips

Choose a sunny, warm and calm day and sneak up to the water's edge in a small inlet or bay. You should see a group of things that look at first glance, like some particularly buoyant watermelon pips drifting on the surface. Approach them and they will move away from you. Wait a little while longer and you will see one or two of them suddenly dash off in a circular, Catherine-



Whirligigs and Sunlight – By Ben Waddams

wheel-like motion for no apparent reason. Indeed your best description of one of these things may well be a "whirligig". And you'd be correct.

These are whirligig beetles and if their behaviour seems at first erratic and haphazard, you'd do well to remember that nothing in the natural world happens without a reason. What these bizarre creatures are doing is creating their own radar system. They feed mainly off insects that have fallen into the water and lie trapped and struggling on the surface. These struggles give off minute ripples and shockwaves. Alerted to the fact that there is something nearby, the whirligig beetle then employs its namesake in action

and its feverish rotations produce a radar ripple of its own.

The ripples that in turn bounce off the prey victim after being initiated by the whirligig, are then followed up and the beetle finds its next meal. Considering the whirligig family (Gyrinidae) has been around for millions of years (there are fossils of extinct species) perhaps if we had studied the curiosities of the natural world a little better, we ourselves may have evolved our technologies even faster.

Ben's artwork can be seen in The Gallery Tearooms, Princess Street, Shrewsbury.

Politicians welcome decision on station

THE decision to reopen Welshpool's police station to the public is a sign that common sense has prevailed, according to two politicians.

Montgomeryshire AM Russell George and MP Glyn Davies both praised the move and agreed with the comments made by Inspector Matthew Scrase that closing the desk at Welshpool Police Station and replacing it with a mobile unit just yards away from the station was a bad move.

The station's front counter closed to members of the public last year and instead officers held mobile van surgeries in the nearby Tesco car park. The decision was overturned last month and the front counter is now open to members of the public when police officers are inside the building.

Mr Davies said: "I felt the original decision was flawed, as I simply could not see how opening a very small mobile unit just yards from the building that once housed this service would make any significant cost savings or improve public access to their police force."

Mr George said: "People want to speak to a real person, face-to-face to get an issue resolved and at the moment with the current mobile service, some members of the public are being prevented from doing that and that's not acceptable."



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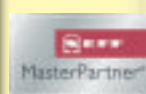
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GIG GUIDE

Comedian Patrick to pay a visit for Ironworks gig

by Graham Breeze

PREPARE to laugh yourself stupid this weekend as comedian **Patrick Monahan** will be appearing at **The Ironworks**, Oswestry, on Sunday.

The Irish-Iranian funny man has been on the comedy circuit for many years, having performed seven times at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, including five solo shows. He first came the attention of comedy fans on ITV's *Take The Mike* show, and was crowned the winner of the first series. More recently he also won the 2011 reality TV series *Show Me The Funny*.

As well as appearing on these reality TV series, he was also a regular guest on *The Paul O'Grady Show*.

Having started off by performing small shows in the north east of England, he has since gone on to headline major venues across the UK as well as shows around the globe.

If you need a good laugh then I suggest you go along, because Patrick will have you in stitches. The shows starts at 8pm with tickets costing £8.

Kicking off the week, the extremely talented **Blues Boy Dan** will be performing at the Royal Oak, Welshpool, on Friday night.

Gifted with an incredible blues voice beyond his years, the first time you hear him sing you'll be blown away.

His sound is reminiscent of old school blues greats like Howlin Wolf and Muddy Waters. Armed with just his trusty guitar and harmonica, you can expect original material as well as covers of blues classics. The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.

Chris Dumville will be playing at the Lowefield Inn, Marton, on Friday night. Chris plays an eclectic mix of folk, blues and soul, using only his acoustic guitar and harmonica. The gig starts at 8pm and is free



Patrick Monahan is appearing at The Ironworks.

entry. Saturday night will see the Herbert Spiffington Allstars performing at The Ironworks. Since forming 15 years ago the band have spent their time honing their unique sound. Rooted in reggae, they also incorporate jazz, ska and calypso to make for an interesting musical cocktail.

It's not often you here a band quite like the Allstars and is sure to be a great night.

The gig starts at 8:30pm with tickets costing £7.

If you're in Welshpool on Saturday night, The Royal Oak will be holding a special comedy club. The evening will include stand-up from Ryan McDonnell, Andy White and Anthony King.

Tickets for the event are two for £10 which you can upgrade for another £10 to include a finger buffet. The shows starts at 9pm.



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THE ARTS

Gallery courses aid artistic talent in town

Workshop art put on show by pupils



Artist Max Baccanello with Pat Broodie-Fraiser at the workshop at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry. Picture: Peter Shah.

ARTISTIC talent is being nurtured at a series of workshops in sculpture, felt-making and woodcarving at an art gallery.

The Willow Gallery in Willow Street, Oswestry held the first in its summer workshops this weekend with a clay sculpture course run by Maximillion Baccanello.

Maximillion, who studied at Shrewsbury School on an art scholarship before completing his studies in Florence, Italy, led participants through the stages of creating a sculpture from a life model. During the three-day course he taught a variety of sculpting techniques to create a clay figure, from making the armature to the final details that bring a sculpture to life.

Following on from the success of the event, the gallery will be running a felt-making workshop with Bridgnorth textiles

by Pam Griffin

artist Sue Mulcock and a woodcarving session with Jim Heath, from Chirk, on July 20 from 10am to 4pm.

Sue's workshop will teach participants to create their own felt landscape using a variety of felting techniques and British wool types.

Jim will give an introduction to wood carving, teaching all the basics of the craft and tools. Both sessions will be suitable for beginners or improvers and cost £35, including all materials.

Max will also be running another workshop at the Willow Gallery in November.

Summer will also see the launch of the gallery's Artist in the Gallery programme.

To book a place on any of the courses, contact the Willow Gallery on (01691) 657575.

PUPILS at Llanfyllin High School created an art exhibition and took part in workshops – and then showed them off to their parents.

The exhibition created by 70 Year 7 pupils at Llanfyllin High School went on display at the main entrance of the Theatre Llwyn in Llanfyllin and in the school canteen conservatory.

Michael Morgan, spokesman for the school, said: "The pupils developed their own artwork from ideas inspired by an article on the persuasive powers of art."

"An opening was held for parents and the students with all the trimmings of an official event."

"And it was thoroughly enjoyed by the students who not only created and framed their art but designed the publicity, took part in the publicity and the hospitality on the open evening."

Following the exhibition, the older students had the chance to find out more about the school's A-level art courses.

Details were available during a special induction day event.

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AN entry of 51 Over Thirty Month Old Cattle sold to average 148.08 ppkg for the older cows, 172.82 ppkg for the heifers and 161.45 for the steers under 48 months. A Charolais cow weighing 634kg achieved a top price of £1229.96 from D Jones, Moeldolwen, a under 72 months cow from the same vendor weighing 750kg made £1,107. A Salers cow weighing 680kg made £1210.40 from TD Jones and Son, Glyn Farm.

JAR Wilde, Gofla Farm sold a younger British Blue cow weighing 734kg for £1,225.78. D Jones, Moeldolwen receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day.

More cows are required to fulfill demand. Should you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (8)

An entry of 8 fat cattle sold to a very good average of 225.84 ppkg. JM Rowlands, Dolven presented two fat Limousin heifers achieving 275 ppkg for 560 kg and 260 ppkg for 491 kg. Other heavy heifers made 250 ppkg for 517 kg and 243 for 560 kg from IM William, Ty Mawr. One Limousin steer from ML and EA Davies, Brynheulog realised 200 ppkg for 633 kg. JM Rowlands receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day.

Weekly sale of fat cattle is every Monday at approxi-

mately 12.30pm. More fat cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME HOGGETS (193)

An entry of 193 Prime Hoggets, sold to an overall average of 134.06 ppkg. Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1) to 141 ppkg from G James and Son, Penybanc. Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (14) to 164 ppkg from CE Jones, Penygelli. Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (25) to 135 ppkg from CE Jones, Penygelli. Average of 134.95 ppkg. Overweights (Over 52kg) (41) to 137 ppkg from A Evans, Brynperffath. Average of 136 ppkg.

PRIME LAMBS (5,045)

An entry of 5,045 Prime lambs, sold to an overall average of 223.33 ppkg. Super Lights (17.5kg to 25kg) (66) to 200 ppkg from RA and TG Evans, Cae Cyno, others achieving the same from JM and IM Lewis, Erwbarf. Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (472) to 234 ppkg from JH and SA Pughe, Gwernbere. Others to 235 ppkg from IM Lewis, Erwr Llan. Average of 222.72 ppkg. Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1791) to 247 ppkg from DD and MJ Evans, Pantwynthrew. Others to 240 ppkg from EW Jones, Tyntanyfoel. Average of 224 ppkg. Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (2510) to 249 ppkg from DP Casewell, Tanrhiw. Others to 237 ppkg from J Ruggier, Gwaelydyrhos.

Average of 222.99 ppkg. Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (148) to 234 ppkg from AE Casewell, Bodynoel. Others to 229 ppkg from JM Price, Maeshyfryd. Average of 213.93 ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (7) to 207 ppkg from CE Pryce, Yr Helyg. Others to 202 ppkg from DP Casewell, Tanrhiw. Average of 193.88 ppkg.

CULL EWES (3,427)

An entry of 3,427 met with a steady trade achieving an average of £45.51 for the ewes and £62.27 for the rams. Ewes topped the sale at £120 per head from CL and C Watkins, Bank Farm, others to £114 from GE Davies and Sons, Cwmbrwm. Rams topped at £116 per head from RE Lewis, Gribin. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of prime lambs at approx 12 noon.

COUPLES

A small entry of ewes with lambs. Welsh full mouth ewes with twin lambs at foot achieved £95 from JLL Jones, Y Felin.

Please note: sales of breeding ewes through the sale ring, will commence Monday 29th July.

COWS & CALVES

A catalogue entry of 45 cows and calves where sold at the market on Monday 8th July. A British Blue cow with a Bull calf presented by P Wozencraft, Swynghyn and a British Blue cow with a Heifer calf presented by G Hughes & Son, Perthierin both achieved £2,120. Limousin cows with Bull calves presented by B Jones and Son, Cwmtefrarlo achieved £1,920 and £1,780. A top price of £990 for a British Blue heifer in-calf to a Limousin Bull from JP Morris, West Meadows, another from the same home made

£940. A pedigree British Blue stock bull from A Davies, Penybryn realised £1,800.

STORE CATTLE (68)

A seasonal entry of 68 Store cattle selling to average 225.56 ppkg for the steers, 243.24 for the bull and 210.04 ppkg for the heifers.

Top prices are as follows: Steers Top Price per Kilo: Limousin x (x1) 410 kg 247.6 ppkg from Messrs Gittins and Co, Giants Bank. Limousin x(x1) 420 kg 244 ppkg from Messrs Gittins and Co, Giants Bank. Blonde d'Aquitaine x (x1) 360 kg 241.70 ppkg from EO and LM and SP Richards, Red House.

Heifers Top price per Kilo Limousin x (x3) 343 kg 237.60 ppkg from IC and EA Jerman, Pigeon House. Limousin x (x1) 280 kg 228.60 ppkg from EO Hughes and Partners, Pentregar.

Blonde d'Aquitaine (x1) 415 kg 227.70 ppkg from EO and LM and SP Richards, Red House. Steers Top price per head. Blonde d'Aquitaine x (x1) 530 kg £1,220 from EO and LM and SP Richards, Red House.

Blonde d'Aquitaine x (x1) 505 kg £1,110 from EO and LM and SP Richards, Red House.

Charolais x (x3) 478 kg £1,090 from RE Evans, Din-nant.

Heifers Top price per head. Blonde d'Aquitaine x (x1) 415 kg £945 from EO and LM and SP Richards, Red House.

Blonde d'Aquitaine (x1) 390 kg £885 from EO and LM and SP Richards, Red House.

Limousin x (x3) 343 kg £815 from IC and EA Jerman, Pigeon House.

Entries now invited for the next sales of Store Cattle on Monday, July 29 and Monday, August 19.

FORTHCOMING SALES: Monday, July 15, Dairy Cows.

Monday, July 22, Cows and Calves.

Monday, July 29, Store Cattle and Dairy Cows.

Monday, August 5, Cows and Calves.

Monday, August 12, Dairy Cows.

Monday, August 19, Cows and Calves and Store Cattle.

Friday, August 23, Welsh Premier Texel Show.

Saturday, August 24, Welsh Premier Texel Sale.

Monday, August 26, Dairy Cows.

Monday, September 2, Organic & Conventional Store Cattle and Weanlings and Cows and Calves.

Wednesday, September 4, Welsh Premier Beltex Show and Sale.

Saturday, September 7, Machinery Sale

Monday, September 9, Dairy Cows.

Wednesday, September 11, Welsh Mule Ewe Sale.

Thursday, September 12, Welsh Mule Ewe Lamb Sale.

Monday, September 16, Store Cattle and Cows and Calves.

Thursday, September 19, Cann Office Sheep Sale.

Saturday, September 21, Welsh Hill Speckled Face Rams.

Monday, September 23, Dairy Cows.

Saturday, September 28, Yearling Ewes, Lleyn Sheep Society Sale, Southdown Sheep Society Sale, Oxford Down Sheep Breeders Sale and Native Breeds Sheep Sale.

Oswestry cattle auctions**Wednesday, July 3 FAT CATTLE: (84)**

If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer, Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office.

Young Bulls (43) Overall Average 195p. Light Bulls (9) Average 164.5p (£687/head) Selling to 234p from D W & L Jones Arbennig.

Medium Bulls (21) Average 189.5p (£989/head) Selling to 236p from D W & L Jones Arbennig.

Heavy Bulls (13) Average 217.5p (£1326/head) Selling to 232p from S Hudson Wood Farm.

Steers (19) Overall Average 195.5p. Light Steers (2) Average 163p (£689/head) Selling to 172p from C A Wildbore Carrehghofa.

Medium Steers (3) Average 178p (£897/head) Selling to 218p from R H Lewis & Son New House Farm.

Heavy Steers (14) Average 201p (£1304/head) Selling to 247p from G Thomas Llwynhir.

Heifers (22) Overall Average 217.5p. Medium Heifers (5) Average 216.5p (£1014/head) Selling to 227p from H Howells Tynyrtwa.

Heavy Heifers (17) Average 217.5p (£1232/head) Selling to 267p from F W Humphreys Brook House.

Thank you for your continued support.

FAT LAMBS: (2744)

A good entry of 2744 fat lambs with some 70 hoggets on Wednesday, July 3.

This was an increase of more than 700 on the same day in 2012 with the average per kg up by 36p, that being

218.5p/kg compared with 182p/kg in 2012. 497 light lambs sold to 223p/kg with the average being 209.5p/kg the top call was £70.50 for 31.5kg lambs from G R & E W Davies Nanthir.

The 1400 standard lambs levelled at 218.5p/kg with the top call of 232p/kg being £89.80 for 38.5kg lambs from K C Jones Rushmeadow. K C Jones also topped the medium section of 767 lambs with 43kg lambs making £103 or 235p/kg the average for this section was 222.5p/kg. The heavies averaged 225p/kg with the top call being £110 from T M & M P Evans Wern Farm.

Superlights to 216p average 211.5p Lights to 223p average 209.5p, Standards to 232p average 218.5p, Mediums to 235p average 222.5p, Heavy's to 237p average 225p, Others to 204p. Overall average 218.5p.

More lambs are required each week to fulfil this keen demand.

FAT EWES: (893)

A consistent entry met with a stronger trade and an improved average of £47. Demand was stronger for all classes with even the plainer ewes selling well. Top priced ewes were £107 from Hughes Bros, Glyn Ceiriog. A small entry of Rams averaged £55 with a top price of £85 for a Ram from S R Hulme, Ellesmere.

Please Note: All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (64)

A great show of calves today were complimented by a ring full of buyers who bid most competitively throughout on all classes. Best continental females to £390 Males to £380 Friesians to

£172. British Blue Bulls to £380 from Messrs Owen Tanycoed £326 from Messrs Wildbore Carrehghofa £322 from Messrs Benbow Pump House £320 from Messrs Ellis Pentre Wern. Limousin Heifers to £390 from Messrs Roberts Pentre David £300 from Messrs Evans Maes-mochant £285 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney, British Blue Heifers to £362 £360 & £344 from Messrs Ellis Pentre Wern £350 from Messrs Royle Berrywood. Limousin Bulls to £282 from Messrs Evison Rhydyccyllin. Aberdeen Angus Bulls to £320 from Messrs Evans Little Green £282 from Messrs James Church Farm. Friesian Bulls to £172 £164 & £144 from Messrs Hodgson Ardleen Grange £172 & £140 from Messrs Benbow Pump House £125 from Messrs Williams The Stocks £114 from Messrs Owen Tanycoed £108 from Messrs Ellis Pentre Wern.

U72 & CULL COWS: (44)

An entry of 44 cattle were again very dear. Top price Cow to 180p/kg and Heifers 186p/kg. Cows Limousin to 164p average 144.10p/kg Hereford to 144p average 120.01p/kg British Blue to 180p average 166.27p/kg Friesian to 145p average 114.69p/kg Heifers Limousin to 186p average 181.56p/kg Others to 177p average 174.52p/kg 44 Cattle average 131.10p/kg

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Motoring

Jury is still out on Toyota's all-new compact crossover

Drive time with Graham Breeze



RAV4 lovers are probably in a state of shock following the March arrival of an all-new model from Toyota.

Because the new model bears very little resemblance to the popular old one.

For a start it's much bigger, with higher specification levels and even more models to choose from. And while you can expect to spend more for the top-of-the-range model, the entry level prices has been reduced.

Distinctive

The fourth generation RAV4 benefits from Toyota's new focus on designing and engineering cars that have more distinctive looks and deliver a more rewarding driving experience.

Toyota claims it also addresses growing customer demand for more on-board space, but I'm not convinced that going up in size will prove the right decision.

This just isn't the RAV4 which attracted generations of buyers – for me it's now too big.

What really disappoints me is that the RAV4 used to be distinctive – it stood out in any company, which is exactly why I own one. The new one doesn't stand out from the competi-



The new Toyota RAV4 is much bigger than the outgoing model



The RAV4 is available in three grades – Active, Icon and Invincible



Inside the new Toyota RAV4

tion. You could mistake it for a Nissan Qashqai, a Ford Kuga or even a Honda CR-V.

The new model is available in both two (front) and all-wheel drive across three new grades: Active, Icon and Invincible.

Entry point is the new 2.0 D-4D Active 2WD version, available at £22,595. Both this model and the more highly specified 2.0 D-4D Icon 2WD (£24,295) undercut the previous XTR 2.2 D-4D 2WD on price.

Active grade comes with 17in alloys, air conditioning, Bluetooth, electric windows front and rear, rear privacy glass and front fog lights; the Icon spec includes a powered tailgate (now topped for easier loading), folding door mirrors, rain-sensing wipers, an auto-dimming rear-view

mirror, part-leather instrument panel trim and dual-zone automatic air conditioning.

The Toyota Touch multimedia touchscreen system also features on Icon models, with a DAB digital tuner, rear-view camera and Bluetooth.

The test car was a top of the range Invincible, with more premium equipment features such as roof rails, leather upholstery, heated front seats, rear parking sensors, Smart Entry and Start and a choice of six-speed manual as well as automatic transmission.

The Invincible came complete with touchscreen control system, upgraded to Touch & Go, adding satellite navigation and on-board connectivity to Google Local Search with

access to useful local information and resources.

There's space to spare inside, with ample leg and headroom all round and boot space is also impressive, and the rear seats fold flat. Rear vision is hampered a little by big window pillars.

The Invincible also has advanced safety technology with Lane Departure Warning and Blind Spot Monitor systems.

The Toyota handles as well as any of the competition but there was annoying wind noise at speed from the door mirrors.

Toyota will probably attract a new customer base with this bigger RAV but my fear is that they may also alienate a loyal following. Time will tell.

Bumper to bumper

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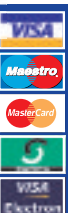


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DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	Agg	Pts
Pontesbury A	13	10	1	2	261	72
Roman A	15	10	0	5	201	72
Oswestry Church A	15	8	2	5	131	72
Telesport	14	10	0	4	167	69
Church Streeton A	15	8	1	6	48	65
Meole A	15	8	1	6	56	64
Old Shrewsbury	14	8	0	6	66	61
Wem Albion A	15	6	0	9	-3	58
Pontesbury B	14	5	0	9	-36	53
Hadnall A	15	5	1	9	199	49
Corbett	15	4	2	9	-116	48
SAHA A	14	6	0	8	-205	45
Meole B	15	4	0	11	-161	44
Oxon A	15	5	2	8	-210	44

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	Agg	Pts
Greenfields A	15	11	0	4	291	79
Severnside A	14	10	1	3	268	79
Bagley A	15	10	0	5	173	70
Bayston Hill A	15	9	0	6	70	70
Dorrington	15	7	0	8	96	64
Pontesbury D	15	6	1	8	50	64
Union	14	8	2	4	61	60
Bicton A	15	7	0	8	-127	56
Alcham A	15	7	0	8	-50	55
Prince of Wales	15	7	0	8	-116	54
Bicton B	14	7	0	7	-65	51
Oxon B	15	5	0	10	-114	48
Baschurch A	15	4	1	10	-180	42
Meole F	15	5	2	11	-332	32

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	Agg	Pts
Llanyrhadr	15	10	0	5	438	83
Pontesbury E	14	11	0	4	219	79
Meole C	14	11	0	3	318	77
Greenfields C	15	10	0	5	122	71
Severnside B	15	8	0	7	120	69
Alcham B	15	8	0	7	59	62
Roman B	13	8	0	5	41	57
Llanyrhadr B	14	7	0	7	-83	54
Meole E	12	7	0	5	83	53
Wem Albion B	15	6	0	9	-175	49
SAHA B	14	6	0	8	-134	48
Alcham C	14	3	0	11	-367	31
Harwood	13	2	1	10	-283	20
Bayston Hill B	14	2	0	12	-346	29

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	Agg	Pts
Oswestry Church B	15	13	0	2	613	97
Church Streeton B	15	11	1	3	280	85
Minsterley	15	10	0	3	237	77
Ford	15	9	0	5	184	70
Hadnall B	14	8	1	6	85	66
Severnside D	14	9	0	5	105	64
Pontesbury C	15	7	1	7	121	63
Preston Brookhurst	15	6	0	8	-131	54
Worthen & Brockton	15	8	0	7	-176	51
SAHA C	15	5	0	10	-241	49
Bagley B	15	4	0	9	-220	46
Baschurch B	15	3	0	12	-308	39
Severnside C	14	3	0	11	-202	36
Meole D	15	2	0	13	-346	36

Oswestry Bowling League

DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

	P	W	D	L	Agg	Pts
Chirk AAA	12	8	4	2	295	64
Llanyngog	12	7	5	1	197	61
Overtown A	12	7	5	1	178	58
Weston Rhyh A	11	7	4	2	188	56
Llanyrhadr	11	7	5	1	178	56
Whittington B	11	7	4	4	-53	53
Church Club A	12	3	9	-93	50	
Royston	12	5	7	-108	56	
Weston Rhyh B	12	5	7	-207	44	
Ceiriog Valley	12	3	9	-231	42	

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

	P	W	D	L	Agg	Pts
Flexys A	12	10	2	2	563	80
Llanyngog	12	11	1	4	496	79
Llanyrhadr A	12	7	5	1	176	60
Cynwyd B	12	5	7	32	16	56
Y O Crofte	11	5	6	7	3	50
Cynwyd A	10	6	4	4	45	46
Church Club B	12	4	8	39	20	42
Overtown B	12	3	9	-447	38	39
Whittington A	10	4	6	-209	35	35
Llanyrhadr B	11	2	9	-385	30	30

Saxonby Shrewsbury & District Evening Cricket League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Bomere Heath	6	4	2	17	15	77
Wern	5	4	1	14	13	67
Grasshepps	6	3	22	10	67	67
Mercerianes	6	3	17	20	67	67
Shelton	5	2	3	19	17	56
Bedouins	4	0	4	9	4	13

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Count	7	7	0	28	23	121
Frankton	7	6	1	30	22	112
Cotton Hall	7	3	4	30	16	78
Knockin & Kinn	6	3	26	14	70	70
Condover	6	1	5	21	19	50
Alberbury	7	0	7	29	11	40

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Beacon	6	5	0	22	21	98
Pres	7	5	2	12	10	42
Pontesbury	7	3	4	19	13	73
Welshpool	6	3	21	14	65	65
Arch Reymold	7	2	5	20	10	51
Rough & Tumblers	7	3	18	11	49	49

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Alliscot	7	6	1	25	25	108
Grove	5	4	26	94	4	42
Old Post Office	7	5	20	22	92	92
Whittington	7	3	4	26	19	75
Shrewsbury Rugby	8	3	5	22	74	74
Frankwell Stars	7	1	6	20	21	51

DIVISION 5 AMBER

	P	W	L	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Welshpool II	6	5	1	16	22	88
Bomere Heath II	5	5	2	12	17	72
Beacon II	6	3	16	18	64	64
Cae Gylas	5	1	5	16	11	37
Brookhills Cop	5	5	13	5	28	28

DIVISION 6 EMERALD

	P	W	L	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Market Drayton	6	4	2	16	15	71
Iscoyd & Farns	4	3	1	9	9	49
Bomere Heath III	5	2	2	10	16	38
London Road Light	4	1	3	13	10	33
Wern II	4	1	3	8	13	32

Church promotion hopes hit by defeat to strugglers

PROMOTION chasing Church C suffered a surprising 7-3 defeat at rock bottom Llanyngollen B in division three of the Oswestry and District Bowls League, losing the aggregate by 58 shots (161-103), writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

The visitors were made to work hard for their points, with Phil James and Anthony Swannick both winning to 20 and Neil Williams 21-16.

WESTON RHYH boosted hopes of survival after accounting for Chirk B 7-3, taking the aggregate by just nine (126-117), with Malcolm Jones (21-4) taking the sweep and John Gale also winning to eight.

WHITTINGTON E are still flirting with the basement places after suffering a 9-1 (157-114) loss at Plas Kynaston A, with their consolation win coming through Peter Williams 21-17.

LLANRHAEDR D are five points clear at the top of division six after their 8-2 home win over

LLANYMYNECH C in which just six shots separated the sides (146-140).

It was nip and tuck between the local rivals, with Merv Williams (21-13) the best for the high flying hosts, with Brownwen Jones (21-15) not far behind.

Llany gained some consolation courtesy of a 21-7 win from Kevin Jones, while Dean Roberts (21-13) was their other winner.

LLANRHAEDR E lost ground after crashing 9-1 at promotion rivals **CRIFTHNS D** who took the aggregate by 79 (164-85).

John Tindall (21-17) was the lone winner, but Crifthns held the aces with four single figure wins from Brian Howell (21-4), Billy Jones (21-5), Pete Broadbent (21-7) and Alan Morris (21-9).

LLANFYLLIN B were downed 7-3 (140-121) at Johnstown E, their replies coming from Tony Birch and John Brautigam (both to 14), but their best was

Jim Parry (21-7).

ELLESME maintained their one-two at the top of division four with both the club's teams notching commanding wins in the latest round of action.

Leaders Ellesmere A ran out 8-2 (150-114) winners at **CHURCH D** to stay 17 points clear at the top.

The in-form Ian Metcalfe led the charge for the visitors by winning to eight, Dennis Jones also won to eight and Darren Matthews 21-12.

Hammering

David Jones replied 21-10 for Church, with Sheila Drury (21-14) the other winner.

The club's B team stayed in touch in second spot, reducing the deficit with a 10-0 (168-175) home hammering of **LLANYMYNECH B**.

Mike Edwards led the way by taking the coppers to one, Beryl Hall also winning to nine and Jeffery Birkett to eight.

Third placed **FOX LANE** stayed in the hunt after sweeping aside visiting **WESTON RHYH B** 9-1 (161-113), Terry Cocks landing the sweep to eight and David Edwards winning to nine. Brenda Ashbrook (21-14) gained Rhyn's lone response.

WHITTINGTON C remain marooned at the foot of the table after going down 7-3 (152-124) at home to Corwen B, with their three responses coming through Philip Pierpoint (21-9), Phil Jones (21-18) and Meirion Davies by one shot, 21-20.

LLANRHAEDR C shaded a 6-4 (146-126) verdict at home to **LLANFYLLIN A** to consolidate their position in the top half of the table.

Gelly Williams took the sweep with a 21-2 success, while Bill Peel was another convincing single figure winner to six.

Tight at the top as champs Crifthns A lose pole position

It's still all to play for at the top of the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one with just four points separating the top four sides after the latest round of matches.

Defending champions **CRIFTHNS A** relinquished top spot after their slender 6-4 (nine shots) defeat at title rivals Chirk A as the leading lights continue to jostle for pole position.

However, they would not be unduly concerned as they remain in touching distance of new leaders Johnstown A whom they host in another crucial game next Tuesday.

Dave Edwards continues to lead the first division averages after his 21-19 victory – his 13th win in 14 outings this season – while Gary Wilkie (21-16) took the coppers for his 10th success.

It was nip and tuck all night, with Ron Crook (21-18) and Sandra Barker (21-17) the other winners for Crifthns, but Chirk shaded the aggregate 154-145.

Skipper Aled Davies also continued his good form for **WHITTINGTON A**, but could not prevent his side from suffering a narrow 7-3 (135-127) loss at “boge” club Overtown A.

Davies took the coppers to six, his 10th win of the campaign, while dad Mervyn Davies prevailed 21-9 and Mike Brunt (21-15) was the other winner.

Chances

The damage was done in the front four with the visitors suffering four losses, before hitting back with three wins in the back four. Defeat keeps them in sixth spot, while Overtown still prop up the table.

CHURCH A remain in the lower half of the table after their 5-5 draw away at **LLANYMYNECH A** who are one place above in ninth.

Steve Williams (21-10) notched his 10th victory of the season for the visitors, and Adrian Humphreys was a 21-12 winner, but Llany shaded it with Mark Kirkham (21-14, his ninth win) and James Candlin (21-18) their best.

IFTON desperately need a pick-me-up when they host Bowring on Friday as they look to ease their basement worries in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

The St Martins side find themselves lying just above the league stragglers after their 12-2 (249-162) drubbing at Burway last week.

So they need a response, but can take heart from the fact that, while their away form has been disappointing, they have proved a tough nut to crack on home surrounds.

With the greens quickening up due to the hot weather, the hosts will be banking on a double figure win.

In last week's defeat, Nicky Williams was the most valuable player courtesy of his 21-19 win over rising prospect Josh Partridge, while Leighton Roberts was the only other winner with a slender 21-20 success over Ben Allen.

The visitors could have come away with more, with skipper Dicky Jones and Darren Lacey both losing narrowly to 20, but several of their side suffered hefty reverses in the 87-shots defeat.

Taking Commerce to the fairways



Shropshire Chamber of Commerce held a Corporate Golf Day at Oswestry Golf Club, event organiser Teresa Rowe and Chamber president Keith Winter are pictured left, with winning team members, Laurie Riley, Stewart Jones and Mark Bramall. Picture: Tony Adams.

On-a-roll Welshpool win a straight eight

WELSHPOOL Town Bowling Club are going great guns at the top of Montgomeryshire Division One Bowling League with a fine 5-2 win at Berriew making it eight wins on the trot for the league leaders.

Pool have already beaten Machynlleth at home who have dominated the division, winning it for the last 17 years, so look well placed to take the crown with four games left.

Meanwhile, Wayne Griffiths, who has been in the Welsh in the Home Nations tournament in Dublin, is hoping for a place in the elite squad of the Welsh team for the forthcoming Commonwealth Games.

PLACINGS

Oswestry Bowling League

DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Chirk AAA	12	8	4	+295	64
Llanyngog	12	7	5	+197	61
Overtown A	12	7	5	+178	58
Weston Rhyh A	11	7	4	+276	56
Llanyrhadr	12	7	5	-72	56
Whittington B	11	7	4	-45	53
Church Club A	12	3	9	-93	50
Royston	12	5	7	-198	56
Weston Rhyh B	12	5	7	-207	44
Ceiriog Valley	12	3	9	-231	42

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Flexys A	12	10	2	+563	80
Llanyngog	12	11	1	+496	79
Llanyrhadr A	12	7	5	+176	60
Cynwyd B	12	5	7	-32	56
Y O Crofte	11	5	6	+73	50
Cynwyd A	10	6	4	+45	46
Church Club B	12	4	8	-39	42
Overtown B	12	3	9	-447	38
Whittington A	10	4	6	-209	35
Llanyrhadr B	11	2	9	-385	30

PLACINGS

Oswestry Bowling League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts	
Crifhns A	13	9	4	0	190	80
Johnstown A	13	7	4	2	187	78
Ceiriog Valley A	13	9	4	0	182	78
Ruabon A	13	8	5	0	100	75
Chirk AAA A	12	8	4	0	226	72
Conwys A	13	5	5	0	81	71
Whittington A	13	7	6	0	66	71
Church A	13	4	9	0	-21	58
Flexys A A	12	6	6	0	-30	55
Llanyrhadr A	13	4	9	0	-345	46
Weston Rhyh A	12	3	8	1	-300	43
Overtown A	12	1	10	1	-336	33

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts	
Cynwyd A	13	8	4	1	124	78
Llanyrhadr A	13	7	6	0	183	77
George A	12	9	3	0	184	73
Johnstown B	13	8	5	0	157	73
Church B	13	7	5	1	-37	72
Ye Olde Crofte A	13	6	6	1	102	69
Black Lion	13	4	8	1	-69	59
Llanyngog A	12	5	6	1	-61	56
Llanyrhadr A	11	5	5	1	61	54
Johnstown C	13	5	8	0	-155	53
Johnstown D	13	4	7	2	-213	50
Whittington B	13	4	9	0	-316	46

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts	
Crifhns B	12	8	4	0	359	80
Church C	13	8	5	0	207	80
Crifhns C	12	7	5	0	203	69
Crifhns D	13	7	5	1	167	69
Chirk AAA B	13	7	5	1	167	69
Royston A	12	7	5	0	164	63
Ceiriog Valley B	12	7	5	0	69	61
Conwys B	13	4	8	1	-69	61
Weston Rhyh C	13	7	6	0	-91	61
Overtown B	13	5	8	0	-72	60
Flexys B	12	4	9	0	-249	55
Johnstown E	13	4	9	0	-265	46

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts	
Crifhns D	13	8	5	0	263	80
Crifhns E	13	8	5	0	485	85
Fox Lane	13	9	4	0	226	80
Llanyngog B	13	8	4	0	212	80
Llanyrhadr C	13	7	6	0	173	66
Ceiriog Valley C	13	6	7	0	63	62
Conwys C	13	4	8	1	137	62
Weston Rhyh D	13	5	8	0	-148	75
Weston Rhyh B	13	5	8	0	-258	51
Flexys C	12	4	9	0	-260	46
Whittington C	13	4	9	0	-626	33

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts	
Bersham	13	13	0	0	709	106
Ruabon B	13	10	3	0	515	73
Llanyrhadr B	13	7	6	0	245	75
Cynwyd B	13	6	7	0	159	69
Chirk AAA B	13	6	7	0	-40	66
Crifhns A A	13	6	7	0	-40	66
Whittington D	13	4	8	1	-128	55
Johnstown F	13	4	7	2	-202	54
Johnstown G	13	4	7	2	-202	54
Weston Rhyh D	13	3	10	0	-357	44
Ye Olde Crofte B	13	2	11	0	-381	40

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts	
Llanyrhadr D	10	8	2	0	233	68
Crifhns E	10	5	5	0	116	53
Crifhns F	10	4	6	0	137	66
Weston Rhyh E	9	5	4	0	-17	46
Llanyllin B	9	4	5	0	25	45
Llanyngog B	9	3	6	0	-56	41
Crifhns G	9	3	6	0	-20	39
Llanyngog C	9	3	6	0	-90	36
Johnstown E	9	3	6	0	-178	36

SPORT

Guilsfield's survival bid gets a shot in the arm

GUILDSFIELD boosted their prospects of staying clear of any basement trouble in division four with an exciting six run win over Overton, writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

Asked to bat first, they were dismissed for 172 in the 37th over, opener Anthony James top scoring on 52, skipper Sam Griffiths 31 and Ed Davies 24, Neil Woolley taking 4-40.

In reply, Overton fell short on 166, being dismissed off the last ball of the 50th over, with Ryan Davies (3-19) and David Harris (3-57) sharing six wickets, while Matthew Jones bagged 2-34 off 14 overs.

Battling to escape the basement places in division one, **MONTGOMERY'S** upturn in fortunes came to an end as they suffered a 51-run loss at Broseley.

Salim Ahmed's 88 had steered Broseley to an imposing 232-5 off 50 overs, Aaron Ruff-cock taking 2-33 off seven overs, but Monty were sent back for 181 in the 49th over in reply.

Sweltering

It was a better day for **MONTGOMERY II** who chalked up a 106-run win over **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II** in the reserve division two, dismissing their rivals for 98 after posting 204-8 in 40 overs.

WELSHPOOL III cranked up their promotion push in division six with a nine wicket beating of lowly Llanidloes.

Put in to bat in sweltering conditions, Llani soon wilted with opener Edward Owen the only player to get into double figures with 16 at the top of the order.

The hosts were eventually bundled out for 46 in the 21st over, Allan Edward Williams snapping up 4-13 off nine overs and Keiran Evans 3-4 off four overs.

Pool had no real problems chasing such a modest target with opener Dave Knight finishing 25 not out to wrap up the win.

WELSHPOOL II are 25 points adrift at the foot of the reserve division one following their six wicket loss to Reman Services II.

Batting first, they had been going well enough through Chris Proctor (40) and Rhys Williams (74) but slipped to 196 all out in the 50th over.

In reply, Reman got home with time and wickets to spare thanks to half centuries from Niall Salisbury (65) and Darren Bullock (57no), Robert Anderson taking 2-52.

SHROPSHIRE CRICKET FIXTURES

Premier Division: Albrighton v Cound, Ludlow v Frankton, Newport v Bomere Heath, Reman Services v St Georges, Wern v Wroxeter, Worfield v Allscott.

Division One: Forton v Alberbury, Madeley v Welshpool, Montgomery v Lilleshall, Much Wenlock v Pontesbury, Newtown v Broseley, Shelton v Condoever.

Division Two: Bishop's Castle v Beacon, Ellesmere v Willey, Grove v Tibberton, Llanidloes v Knockin & Kinnerley, Market Drayton v Corvedale, Wellington III v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank.

Division Three: Acton Reynald v Church Aston, Cae Glas v Chelmarsh, Calverhall v Oswestry III, Harcourt v Shrewsbury III, St Georges III v Shifnal III, Wheaton Aston v Church Aston.

Division Four: Bridgnorth III v Newport III, Hinstock v Ludlow III, Hodnet v Guilsfield, Overton v Bomere Heath III, Trysull & Seisdon v Prees.

Division Five: Coton Hall v Harpers, Lilleshall III v Frankton III, Quayside v Madeley III,

Ellesmere pair fall just short Knockin cruise

TWO Ellesmere players finished agonisingly close to centuries in their comprehensive winning draw at Tibberton in the Shropshire League division two.

Skipper Lee Thomas was caught for 99 and Kieran Barry finished 97 not out as the Meresiders rattled up a hefty 358-7 in 45 overs.

After the loss of two early wickets, Jamie Birch (76) and Thomas starred in a fourth wicket stand as they blasted 118 runs in double quick time.

When Birch fell, Barry and Thomas continued the onslaught putting on 116 for fifth wicket, Thomas hitting six sixes and 12 fours, while Barry plundered 10 sixes and five other boundaries as the hosts wilted in the sun.

Tibberton never looked likely to threaten the target despite 64 from Salik Javed and Ryan Peart (52) as they finished on 203-8, John Bennett taking 4-57 and Laurence Ashley 2-33.

Despite the winning draw, Ellesmere remain just above the basement places.

ELLESMERE II stepped up the pressure on the pacesetters in division six with a crushing 191-run win over high-flying Broseley II who turned up with a player short.

The margin of victory was remarkable against a side at the top of the table, but the Meresiders never looked back after being put in the bat in baking conditions.

Opener Mike Lewis (78) and Paul

Mochan (52) helped set up their side for an imposing 277-8 off 45 overs, and Mochan then took 4-12 to skittle Broseley for just 86, Mike Lewis also bagging 3-34.

WHITTINGTON'S challenge in division five suffered another setback as they crashed to a low-scoring four wicket defeat at high flying Harpers.

Usually so reliably this season, the villagers' batting folded for a second week running as they were bundled out for just 83, opener Nick Remon top scoring on 28 while Hemant Milwani bagged an impressive 7-21.

Harpers had to work hard for the runs, with Jason Whitley taking 5-30, but got home with time and four wickets to spare, guided by Dewan Ferdous (24).

ANOTHER fine all round display saw Knockin and Kinnerley strengthen their grip at the top of the Shropshire League division two with an emphatic eight wicket win at home to title rivals Market Drayton.

Put in to bat, Drayton looked to have posted a competitive total of 224-7 off their 45 overs in the sun, with Damith Abeyagunawardene hitting a lively 68 and opener James Coggins 42.

It was tough going for the bowlers, but Knockin stuck to their guns with Matty Evans, Hugh Morris and Dan Jones all taking two wickets.

The league leaders then made light work of their target, sealing victory with more than six overs to spare as their in-form batsman continue to thrive.

Richard Williams top scored with a run a ball 64 at the top of the order, with a six and 12 fours, Gary Darlington smashed three sixes in his 60 not out while leading run-getter Steven Gray continued his prolific form with an unbeaten 45, taking his average to over 200 for the season.

Victory, their 11th of the season, sees Knockin extend their lead to 53 points at the top.

Tough day as Frankton are beaten by leaders

FRANKTON found run-away leaders Newport too hot to handle in the Shropshire League premier division as they slumped to a 95-run defeat at Hardwick Park.

High-flying Newport made the most of favourable batting conditions as they amassed 290-6 off 50 overs, based on an 183-run opening stand between Paul Furniss, who went on to blast 122, and Robert Furniss, with 78. It was tough going for the bowlers with Stuart Lammie (2-52) and Richard Parry (2-67) the most successful.

After losing a wicket without a run on the board, Ian Whitticase (35) and Thomas Welts (40) steadied the reply, but the innings fell well short on 195 in the 44th over despite a 42-run stand for the last wicket.

FRANKTON II tightened their grip at the top of the reserve division two after sinking chief rivals Madeley II by three wickets to move 23 points clear.

Opting not to bat first in hot conditions, Madeley were restricted to 165-6 off 45 overs despite an unbeaten 56 from Lewis Davies, George Dickinson the stand-out bowler with 3-18.

Despite losing three early wickets in reply, the pacesetters were not to be denied with Mark Lammie hitting a steady 51.

There were other useful knocks from skipper Lloyd Phillips (28) and Sam Phillips (27) to help their side to victory with more than three overs to spare.

An exciting finish saw **FRANKTON III** secure a one wicket win against Coton Hall as they successfully chased down the visitors' 204-6 declared, in which Gareth Rich hit an unbeaten 103.

The hosts were up for the chase, getting home with the last wicket pair at the crease with captain Elwyn Jones hitting 43 and Archie Dickinson 37.

PLACINGS

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

	P	W2	L	A	Bat	Pls
Oswestry	11	2	4	0	4	171
Old Elizabethans	11	4	2	1	15	171
Stourbridge	11	3	0	2	8	168
Harborne	11	4	1	2	0	165
Water Orton	11	5	0	7	11	155
Eastnor	11	2	3	1	8	150
Whitchurch	11	3	4	2	7	135
Stratford-up-Avon	11	2	6	0	15	123
Halesowen	11	3	6	0	12	122
Attock	11	3	6	0	16	116
Coveney & N.W.	11	2	8	1	14	79
Fordhouses	11	1	8	1	22	61

SECOND TEAMS DIVISION 2 (N)

	P	W2	L	A	Bat	Pls
Milford Hall	11	6	2	0	12	188
Penn	11	6	1	1	3	185
Streeley	11	4	2	1	15	178
Penkridge	11	4	3	0	14	170
Aston Manor	11	4	2	1	12	169
Cannock	11	5	0	9	13	150
Stourbridge	11	2	5	1	14	128
Oswestry	11	1	7	0	15	107
Fordhouses	11	1	5	1	16	95
Quatt	11	3	8	0	14	87
Whitchurch	11	1	6	1	17	75
Brewcod	11	0	9	0	11	25

Coaching in the holidays

PLACES are going fast on Oswestry Cricket Club's Summer School, which runs for four days next month.

The school offers cricket coaching for youngsters aged from eight to 14, with four of the club's highly-qualified coaches on hand to cater for all abilities.

It runs from August 13-16 (10am to 3pm) and the cost is £15 per day, or £50 for all four days. All kit is supplied. "It's four days of fun and cricket, with competitions and prizes to be won," said the club's junior organiser Adrian Griffiths.

To book ring Adrian on 07530-434538 or Ryan Fynn on 07731-596951.

Oswestry go top of table after proving tons better

UNBEATEN centuries by Warrick Fynn and Alex Huxley and a tremendous all-round effort in the field took Oswestry's cricketers to a crushing victory over Old Elizabethans - and to top spot in division two of the Birmingham League.

The Worcester side went into the Morda Road clash 21 points ahead of Oswestry, but a ruthless performance by Mark Robinson's side saw them earn 24 points from a nine-wicket success.

Old Elizabethans took just three points from the game, and Oswestry now lead the way by virtue of most games won.

The visitors won the toss and chose to bat on an excellent wicket, and skipper Jamie Boyle led the way with 78 as they reached 234-8 in their 55 overs.

But it was a total which always seemed below par in batsman-friendly conditions, as Oswestry's bowlers Mark Robinson (3-65), Jonathan Miles, Paul Robinson, Warrick Fynn and Sam Huxley performed heroics to put a brake on, while they were backed up by some fine fielding in sweltering conditions.

Fynn and Joe Carrasco put on 44 for the first wicket in Oswestry's reply, before Carrasco was caught behind for 14.

That was to prove OE's sole success as Fynn and Alex Huxley treated a large crowd to a magnificent display of batting, with strokes all round the wicket.

Fynn hit 15 fours and Huxley 16 as they both ended on 104 not out, an unbroken stand of 191 taking Oswestry to 235-1 with nearly 12 overs to spare.

It was the Morda Road

CRICKET

by John Bridgwater

side's sixth maximum-point haul from the last seven games, a run which has seen them climb from the bottom to the top of the table.

There was another Oswestry centurion in the **SECOND XI** game at Streetly, where the visitors lost by just one run in an amazing game.

Youngster Scott Hale hit 106 as Oswestry chased down Streetly's massive total of 326 - and they fell just one run short, as Steve O'Reilly was dismissed off the fifth ball of the last over with the score on 325.

Skipper Steve Humphreys was left stranded unbeaten on 51 at the other end, while Tim Bierley hit 53 on his first league appearance of the season.

Earlier Hale had shown his prowess with the ball, taking 4-36 to end as Oswestry's most successful bowler.

OSWESTRY III suffered a nine-wicket defeat against leaders Wheaton Aston at Morda Road on Sunday in the Shropshire League division three.

Only Chris Wiseman (27no) of the home batsmen put up any resistance as Oswestry were bowled out for just 88.

Richard Jones hit 39, Matthew Dyke 31 and Jim Phillips 30 as Oswestry were bowled out for 150. But Drayton needed just 22 to reach 153-4 in reply.

■ Oswestry start the second half of their Birmingham League season with a trip to Water Orton on Saturday (12 noon). The Seconds are at home to Aston Manor (12.30).

The Thirds visit Calverhall, while the Fourths take on Cae Glas II in a local derby.



Runs there - Oswestry's Warrick Fynn and Alex Huxley pile on the runs during their unbroken matchwinning stand of 191 in the Birmingham League win over Old Elizabethans at Morda Road. Pictures: Peter Flemmich.



Thirsty work - the Morda Road crowd try to keep cool on a scorching hot day as Oswestry play Old Elizabethans

Glas hold out for nervy draw

PROMOTION chasing Cae Glas were made to toil in the sun as they picked up just five points from their losing draw with Shifnal III in the Shropshire League division three.

On a blisteringly hot day, Shifnal were quick into their stride after being put in to bat with an opening stand of 163 as the ball was dispatched to all parts of the boundary.

Tim Turner bowled with guts and determination, being rewarded with figures of 2-64 from 11 overs. Ben Oakley got the other wicket as Shifnal declared on 269-3 leaving Cae Glas to chase their target inside 52 overs.

The reply began steadily with the top four batsmen all getting starts but failing to go on. Ruch Nimantha top scored with an exciting 44, Mark Jones showed good resistance before falling

on 31, Ben Oakley look set for a big score but perished on 21 leaving Gareth Edgerton (23) to force the draw with the tail.

This was secured in the final over with the last pair at the wicket as Cae Glas closed on 181-9, denying Shifnal the victory.

CAE GLAS II pulled off a terrific seven wicket win against Shifnal IV to maintain their promotion push in the reserve division three.

Centuries

Gatacre witnessed over 450 runs, two unbeaten centuries and the fall of only six wickets in an enthralling game dominated by batsmen throughout.

In sweltering temperatures, it was perhaps not surprising that the visitors chose to bat leaving The Glas to toil for

45 overs at the hottest time of the day.

On a true pitch and with a lightning fast outfield, not even an early unfortunate injury to opener and captain Dave Brammer could halt Shifnal's run accumulation.

Led by an undefeated century from Richard Gough (109 not out) the visitors finished on 227-3, with a wicket each for Shaun Southern, John Clarke and Nick Morris.

In reply it was Morris (105 not out) who returned the compliment, reaching his own undefeated century and going on to score the winning run with 16 balls to spare and help earn his side six points.

Cae Glas finished on 228-3 with Nick Chesters (50) showing a welcome return to form and Gavin Porritt also plundering 33.

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PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Newport	12	10	0	0	1 247
St Georges	12	7	2	1	0 208
Ludlow & SS	12	7	1	2	0 195
Reman Services	12	5	4	3	0 191
Wem	12	5	1	6	0-15 172
Worfield	12	4	1	4	0-5 166
Allrighton	12	5	0	7	0 126
Frankton	12	4	2	6	0 2 118
Wroxeter & Upp	12	4	4	3	1 42 101
Bomere Heath	12	3	1	8	0 3 96
Allcott	12	2	2	8	0 0 92
Cound	12	1	2	9	0 6 73

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Much Wenlock	12	9	0	0	3 233
Shelton	12	6	3	2	1 0 193
Shosley	12	4	4	3	0 175
Newtown	12	6	2	4	0 0 167
Madley	12	5	3	2	0 166
Alberbury	12	4	3	4	1 0 161
Lilleshall	12	4	2	6	0 140
Forton	12	4	0	7	1 0 127
Welshpool	12	4	2	5	1 0 124
Portesbury	12	4	1	7	1 118
Montgomery	12	2	5	5	0 116
Condover	12	1	4	6	1 0 89

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Knockin & Kinn	12	11	0	1	0-2 241
Market Drayton	12	7	2	2	1 0 193
Beacon	12	5	2	3	1-11 180
Wellington III	12	6	0	4	1-10 174
Tibberton	12	4	3	1	0 151
Bishops Castle	12	6	3	1	0 149
Willey	12	5	0	5	2-1 135
Corvedale	12	3	0	8	1-11 120
Iscoyd & FB	12	3	2	7	0-1 102
Ellesmere	12	2	3	2	4-9 98
Grove	12	3	1	7	1-2 89
Llanidloes	12	2	0	9	1 0 83

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Wheaton Aston	12	5	4	0	1-9 213
Cae Glas	12	5	2	1	0 174
Shifnal	12	4	3	1	0 170
Shrewsbury III	12	4	5	1	-5 170
Chelmarsh	12	4	3	1	0 161
St Georges III	12	3	7	1	0 152
Church Stretton	12	3	5	2	1-10 140
Church Aston	12	3	4	0	0 132
Oswestry	12	2	4	5	1-3 114
Action Reynald	12	1	4	3	0 105
Calverhall	12	1	9	1	-5 73
Harcourt	12	1	5	6	0 72

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Newport III	11	10	0	1	0-11 236
Pier	11	7	3	0	0 179
Overton-on-Dee	11	6	4	0	0 156
Hodnet & Peplow	11	5	0	0	0 148
Ludlow & SS III	10	5	0	2	3 130
Wem III	11	3	5	1	0 111
Brigdnorth III	11	2	5	1	-4 111
Gulfside	11	1	5	2	-8 99
Bomere Heath III	11	3	1	2	0 101
Hinstock	11	1	4	5	0 83
Trysull & Seidson	11	1	1	2	0 76

DIVISION 5

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Harpers	12	8	1	1	0 226
Whittington	12	6	2	3	0 198
Hales	12	7	2	3	0 191
Wellington V	12	7	0	4	0 180
Quayside	12	8	0	4	0 178
Cotton Hall	12	6	0	6	0 160
Frankton II	12	5	2	4	0 146
Worfield II	12	4	0	8	0 116
Knockin & Kinn II	12	3	1	8	0 113
Madley II	12	3	1	3	0 97
Reman Svcs III	12	3	1	8	0 95
Lilleshall II	12	1	6	4	0 80

DIVISION 6

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Welshpool III	12	8	2	0	2 208
Worceley II	11	6	2	3	0 188
Whitchurch III	11	5	2	2	0 165
Grove II	11	5	2	3	0 163
Ellesmere II	11	6	1	3	0 157
St Georges IV	11	6	1	3	0 152
Alberbury II	12	5	1	5	0 148
Quatt III	11	4	0	7	0 112
Portesbury II	11	3	4	1	2 107
Cotton III	11	3	2	1	0 95
Allcott II	11	1	6	3	0 84
Corvedale II	10	2	0	8	0 57
Llanidloes II	11	1	2	7	0 51

RESERVE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Newport II	12	12	0	0	0-9 228
St Georges II	12	9	0	3	0 214
Reman Services II	12	7	1	2	-8 205
Wroxeter & Upp II	12	6	0	6	-3 163
Worfield I	12	5	0	4	-9 162
Wem II	12	5	1	5	-7 145
Alberbury I	12	4	1	1	-1 119
Lilleshall I	12	2	5	3	-6 96
Wellington IV	12	1	2	7	-11 95
Cound II	12	2	1	9	-4 91
Welshpool II	12	1	1	8	0 70

RESERVE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Frankton I	12	7	3	1	0-2 220
Madley I	12	8	0	3	-5 196
Knockin & Kinn I	12	3	6	2	0 161
Beacon I	12	5	3	3	-2 156
Condover II	11	4	3	3	0 134
Shelton I	12	5	0	6	-1 134
Montgomery I	12	3	5	1	-3 125
Allcott I	12	4	1	1	-1 119
Portesbury I	12	3	5	0	109
Willey I	12	0	6	1	-9 97
Allrighton II	12	3	2	5	-2 94
Newtown II	11	3	3	3	-3 94

RESERVE DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	LC/APen	Pts
Market Drayton II	12	8	2	0	2 213
Bomere Heath II	12	6	3	1	0 190
Cae Glas II	12	6	2	4	0 181
Tibberton II	12	5	3	3	0 158
Oswestry II	12	4	2	5	1 146
Forton II	12	2	5	0	0 144
Iscoyd & FB II	12	6	2	4	0 141
Much Wenlock II	12	4	2	3	-2 140
Ludlow & SS IV	12	3	3	5	0 106
Bishops Castle II	12	3	1	7	2 104
Shifnal II	12	1	7	2	0 104
Action Reynald II	12	2	2	7	1 0 72

Mountain bike ace Dan going downhill fast



Dan Atherton speeds his way down the course in France

OSWESTRY border rider Dan Atherton stamped his mark in round three of the Enduro World Downhill Mountain Bike series in Les Deux Alpes in France by taking fifth place.

The Llanfyllin ace, riding for GT Factory Racing, produced some brilliant rides in several of the stages in France to keep the pressure on the leaders with an overall time of 33 minutes 44.09 seconds, with the event won by Jerome Clementz in 32:54.73.

He started sixth from last but, as predicted, he put in a steady first run to finish 14th with a stage time of 15.05.682.

Stage winner Clementz went all out to dominate the event from the start putting an incredible 25.5 seconds into the entire field.

Stage Two was probably the most technical of all the stages, it's loose, dry, steep and exposed, but Atherton's downhill skills came to the fore allowing him to move up the ranks on this challenging stage to arrive seventh in the field with a time of 8:33.73. Stage Three was back on the West of the Valley

and Atherton had a brilliant run on the shortest stage of the day with a time of 4:02.217, grabbing a stage second +2.133 behind Loic Bruni.

He kept up the pressure for Stage Four, another technical downhill style section with a short climb to the finish, securing another stage second with a time of 6:03.219 (two seconds behind third place Sam Blenkinsop), to seize the fifth place overall.

Impress

"I was so hot out there, the bike went well and I'm pleased with the way I rode it - especially in the latter stages," said Atherton,

"There's some tough competition out there and I was struggling to fight off a cold all weekend so all in all I'm happy with the end result."

Meanwhile, GT Factory Racing team-mate Martin Maes took second junior place at Les Deux Alpes.

The Crankworx downhill event followed this week as Dan's brother and sister, Gee and Rachel, were looking to impress.

Paragon's Coles third home in time trial

THE rain just about held off until after the last of the 21 competitors crossed the finish line for round nine of the Stuart Barkley time trial series.

Many riders complained about being hampered by a gusty headwind on the longer outward leg but it did not prevent several riders posting personal bests.

With an emphatic victory margin of almost two minutes it was Josh Williams, of Paramout CRT, who came home first in a time of 21 minutes 46 seconds.

Second place went to Andy Howell in 23:45, beating Oswestry Paragon team mate Neil Coles by just one second, and in fourth place it was another Paragon rider Andrew Davies in 24:14.

Fifth and fastest junior was Krishan Patel-Smith who crossed the line in a personal best time of 25:16. Also recording an improvement was Mike Fieck of Hafren CC who clocked 25:34 putting him just ahead of Robert Rees (25:45).

Sam Coxon (26:24) took seventh place ahead of Michael Evans who improved on last week finishing in 26:57. Newcomer Phil Edwards rounded off the top ten in 27:04.

Christine Smith, of Mid Shropshire Wheelers, was the only lady to take part finishing in 31 minutes 43 seconds, while one tandem pair competed with Dave Vart piloting Kaine Gallier round the course in 34:40.

Meanwhile, three Paragon riders in action in the Rhyl CC 25, fastest of the trio being Neil Coles in one hour and 47 seconds, ahead of Colin Lythe (1hr, 3mins and 55 seconds) and Helen Tudor (1:08:49).

Top 10 results in round nine of the Stuart Barkley time trial series: 1 J Williams (Paramout CRT) 21:46; 2 A Howell (OPCC) 23:45; 3 N Coles(OPCC) 23:46; 4 A Davies(OPCC) 24:14; 5 K Patel-Smith (OPCC) 25:16; 6 M Fieck (Hafren CC) 25:34; 7 R Rees (OPCC) 25:45; 8 S Coxon (UJA) 26:24; 9 M Evans (UoBCC) 26:57; 10 P Edwards(UJA) 27:04

TNS in park on Saturday

AS THEY prepare for their Champions League tie, The New Saints kick off a big week when their "TNS in the Park" day at Cae Glas Park on Saturday.

There will be loads of activities going on and it will be a great start to what will be a massive week for everyone associated with The New Saints Football Club.

The day will run from noon to 4pm, with the winner of the popular local school competition called, 'Design a Kit' initiative being announced during the day.

Williams strike gives TNS a lift as big Euro clash looms



Cliftonville 0 The New Saints 1
MATTY Williams' 76th minute strike earned The New Saints a morale-boosting victory against Belfast club Cliftonville as they gear up for next week's big European showdown.

Both sides are in Champions League action in less than a week, with the Saints having been paired with Polish champions Legia Warsaw and Cliftonville the mouth-watering prospect of tackling Scottish giants Celtic.

And it was the Oswestry men who came out on top in a thorough workout to boost their spirits at a Solitude ground where they enjoyed Europe League success two years ago.

Head coach Carl Darlington was delighted with the showing as the Welsh Premier champions bossed the encounter with players given their first 90-minute run out. "Cliftonville won their league by a mile last season, they're obviously a good team and well organised, but we dominated the game from start to finish," he said.

"We should have been 4-0 up at half-time, we missed three sisters and a half chance, but from our point of view it was the performance, more than the result, which mattered.

Ran them ragged

"The players felt Cliftonville were not as good as when we played them two years ago, but I'd prefer to think it is us who have improved. We controlled the ball and ran them ragged."

Keeper Paul Harrison was solid in goal with what he had to do, but had TNS shown more composure with their finishing then TNS would have been well clear - something they will be working on the next few days.

New Zealand striker Greg Draper missed a couple of opportunities, blazing one good effort over, while Jamie Mullen and Aeron Edwards also had their chances.

The visitors continued to dominate in the second half, but the only goal of the game came, somewhat ironically, when Cliftonville were on the attack during their most promising period of play with 15 minutes remaining.

The Northern Irish men were again met by solid defence from the Saints who broke quickly through the middle courtesy of Chris Seargeant, the midfielder finding Alex Darlington out wide and the forward's cross was forced home by Williams despite desperate attempts to clear.

The Saints continued their build-up when they gave the remainder of their 22-man squad a run-out in Monday night's Shropshire Senior Cup clash at Market Drayton, while fielding a full-strength side in a behind closed doors friendly with Shrewsbury Town the following day.

Just the ticket

TICKETS are selling fast for The New Saints' UEFA Champions League game against Polish champions Legia Warsaw in Wrexham next week.

"We have been inundated with requests both on line and through our ticket desk at The Venue Park Hall," said Chief Operating Officer Ian Williams.

"Based upon ticket sales to date we are expecting a crowd in excess of 3,000, with tickets being sold on a daily basis."

The game, on Wednesday, July 17, will now kick off at a later scheduled time of 7.15pm, due to the club

New Saints side bows out of County Cup

Wilde and Jones net in defeat at Drayton

Market Drayton Town 5 The New Saints 2

FORMER Caersws striker Neville Thompson fired a hat-trick as The New Saints bowed out of this season's Shropshire Senior Cup with a semi-final defeat at Drayton, writes JOHN BRIDG-WATER.

It proved an encouraging first game in charge for Drayton's new chief Lee Ebdon and his assistant Chris Hutchings, the former Bradford, Wigan and Walsall boss.

TNS, preparing for next week's Champions League clash with Polish side Legia Warsaw, fielded a mix of youth and experience in their ranks with one eye on their behind closed doors friendly at Shrewsbury the following day.

The main concern would have been a hamstring injury sustained by forward Matty Williams.

The Welsh Premier champions found themselves behind on 25 minutes when Dorrill Profitit's cross from the right was headed across goal and Thompson drove his shot into the net.

They were back on terms just a minute later when Scott Quigley's



Heading for defeat - The New Saints' goalscorer Mike Wilde heads the ball under pressure from Drayton's Paul McMullen at Greenfields. Pictures: Peter Flemmich.

curling shot was parried by keeper Damien Stevens, and last season's top scorer Mike Wilde made no mistake from close in.

However, the hosts got their noses back in front a minute before half-time when Profitit fed the lively Thompson whose cross was driven in by Chris Peel.

The Saints levelled a second time when Quigley's cross was headed in by

Ryan Jones on 58 minutes but Drayton were back in front just 42 seconds later as Thompson crashed his shot into the top right hand corner.

Thompson then completed his hat-trick on 80 minutes when firing low past keeper Chris Mullock and into the corner after Rob Stevenson's shot had been blocked, before Ken Renshaw rounded off the scoring three minutes into injury time.



He's behind you - New Saints goalscorer Ryan Jones closes in on Danny Tine during the Shropshire Senior Cup semi-final at sun-kissed Greenfields

Young sides on the goal trail as Ricky hits treble

COACH Steve Benyon was delighted with his team as TNS under-16s beat Rakers FC 5-0 with a stand out performance from newly signed Callum Graybrook.

The new recruit was one of the scorers with a terrific goal, with Tom Birch, Lewis Evans, Joe Walsh and Harrison Millington also on the mark, while there were also wonderful performances from Andy Wycherley and Antoni Sarnowski.

"It was a very good workout for the boys against a very physical team, with excellent performances all through the team," said Benyon.

"The boys played some fantastic high tempo football with great combination play and we just need to work on movement and interchanging between positions."

Meanwhile, TNS under-14s beat Colwyn Bay 6-2 with goals from Rob Reynolds, a

brace from Ross Hardy and a hat-trick from Ricky Williams.

Colwyn Bay started the brighter of the teams and raced into two goal advantage after only 15 minutes. However, The young Saints started to relax and with the winner, Hardy found himself through on goal and slotted the ball into the bottom corner. The goal inspired his team and moments later he scored the equaliser.

Steve Monk's side came out for the second half on fire and scored another four goals including a hat-trick from Williams.

Coaches Monk and Craig Williams were very happy with the way the lads performed and said: "They have worked really hard in training and we are starting to play in the right way, with at least three of our goals starting with us being patient and building from the back."

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In the runs – Warrick Fynn and Alex Huxley (right) with the Morda Road scoreboard after their batting heroics

Oswestry top dogs have a score to settle

RESURGENT Oswestry have a score to settle as they start the second half of the season at Water Orton on Saturday (12noon) looking to consolidate pole position in the Birmingham Cricket League division two, **writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.**

The Morda Road men were defeated by the Warwickshire side on the opening day – before losing three of their first four games – to find themselves propping up the table in the opening phase of the campaign.

But since that sticky start they have soared up the table, taking over top spot last Saturday with a crushing nine wicket win over previous leaders Old Elizabethans.

Victory was built on a tremendous all round effort in the field to restrict OEs to 234-8 in their 55 overs, before Warrick Fynn and Alex Huxley

both hammered 104 not out in an unbroken stand of 191 to take their side to victory with nearly 12 overs to spare. Oswestry now top the table by virtue of most games won.

Captain Mark Robinson hailed a stunning all round win, and – after six maximum point victories in their last seven outings – he looks to take that momentum into the second half of the season.

Outstanding

“Last week was the best performance in my five year tenure as captain, and I would say it must be one of the best ever by an Oswestry team,” he said.

“Our bowling and fielding was outstanding. To keep Old Elizabethans down to 234-8 on our wicket was a terrific effort as they are the

strongest batting side we have faced this season with a lot of decent players.

“We felt it was a below par score, but even so Warrick and Alex were imperious, it was great to watch and it became a cakewalk in the end.”

He added: “It was the first game they’ve lost since the opening day of the season, but they are still confident of being up there this season, so it is up to us to be up there with them.

“For us, from being bottom after five games, it has been a dramatic turnaround.

“In our next four games, we’ve got three teams who beat us at the start of the season, starting with Water Orton, and we owe them one.”

Charlie Morris, another slow left arm spinner, is added to the side with Ian Davies unavailable, but youngster Scott Hale, who cracked a century for the seconds last week, just misses out.

Guils face tough test – but it's a home game

GUILSFIELD have been handed a home fixture on the opening day of the Cymru Alliance season – but it promises to be a tough start for new boss Matt Burton against fancied Conwy Borough.

Burton will be anxious to get off to a winning start in his first game after taking over from Russell Cadwalader during the summer, but standing in his way will be a big spending Conwy side managed by former Welshpool Town boss Chris Herbert.

Llanrhaeadr, who were given a reprieve from relegation last term, head to Holyhead Hotspur, while Caersws take on another of the league newcomers, Caernarfon Town, when the sides meet at the Recreation Ground. The season starts on Saturday, August 17.

Newly promoted Llanidloes Town, who were Spar Mid Wales League champions last term, hit the road for their first game of the campaign when they visit Flint, who narrowly won when the sides met in the Welsh Cup last season.

Teams this season have been given greater flexibility to change fixtures should both agree and the league rubberstamps. Early mid-week matches can also be switched to Boxing Day on the request of both teams.

First day fixtures (Saturday, August 17): Buckley Town v Penryn-coch, Caersws v Caernarfon Town, Flint Town Utd v Llanidloes Town, Guilsfield v Conwy Borough, Holyhead Hotspur v Llanrhaeadr, Llanudno v Penycae, Porthmadog v Rhydyfryn, Rhayader Town v Cefn Druids.

Double joy for Fossils

HAVING already won the league title, Welshpool Fossils completed a Venue Veterans League and League Cup double by defeating Whitchurch Alport Vets 2-0 in the Tony Windsor Memorial Trophy final in blistering heat at Park Hall.

Welshpool's Andrew Watkin had a penalty saved in the second half by Keith Fowles. However, the Fossils opened the scoring moments later through Mark Roberts and made sure of their win courtesy of Chris Jew.

Welshpool looking for strong end to season

AFTER last week's high-scoring defeat, Welshpool's cricketers look to get back on track in the Shropshire League division one when they head to Madeley on Saturday.

The Maesydre side had made an encouraging start to the season, but have slipped to third bottom after a series of setbacks, including last week's 17-run loss at title chasing Shelton.

Despite that, they are still in range of a number of sides above them, but know they need to start putting points on the board in the second half of the season.

Pool fell short by just 17 runs in a stirring run chase at title chasing Shelton last week despite a fine all round display from Tom Anderson.

Second placed Shelton had rattled up 250-8 in 50 overs after being put in to bat, Harry Jones hitting 55, while Anderson bagged 4-66 and Rob Pengelly 2-42.

In reply, Welshpool's chase looked to be faltering despite 34 from opener Joe Birch and Pengelly's 28.

But Anderson cracked 68 to revive the cause along with support from Mat McWhinnie (24), but they finished just adrift on 233 all out with more than three overs remaining.

Party time for Cae Glas

AS part of their 60th anniversary celebrations, Cae Glas cricketers take on an Evening League XI at their Gatare ground tonight (thurs).

The Oswestry club hope to field players from as far back as the 60s and 70s to the present day, and any former Cae Glasians are welcome to turn up and play or just watch. The match gets underway at 6.30pm

EVANS BLOW FOR SAINTS EURO BID

by John Bridgwater

HEAD coach Carl Darlington insists The New Saints will be firing on all cylinders in next week's Champions League – despite having defensive stalwart Steve Evans ruled out with a ruptured Achilles.

The loss of the former Wrexham and Wales centre-half is a major setback as the Saints gear up for another assault on Europe in their second qualifying round showdown with Polish giants Legia Warsaw next Wednesday (7.15).

The Welsh Premier champions can go into the first round tie at Wrexham in good heart after an encouraging pre-Europe build-up, including last Saturday's 1-0 win at Belfast high fliers Cliftonville who themselves take on Scottish giants Celtic next week.

And they followed it up with a 2-1 win at Shrewsbury Town in a behind-closed-doors practice match on Tuesday courtesy of strikes from Jamie Mullan and Ryan Fraughan. However, their optimism has been tempered with Evans – vastly experienced on the European stage – ruled out after sustaining a recurrence of an Achilles problem in training, a serious injury which already saw him absent from the TSN ranks since January.

Massive player

Only five Welsh Premier players have made more European appearances than Evans who has played 20 times in the Champions League, UEFA Cup and Europa League, scoring in both legs against FRAM Reykjavik and against CSKA Sofia and FC Midtjylland.

Evans, who also has a coaching role at the club, saw a consultant this week and undergoes an operation on Friday to remedy to the problem. He is set to be on the sidelines for at least six months. Boss Darlington admits the absence of the towering 34-year-old will be a big loss, but believes he will still have a key role on the sidelines.

“Steve is a massive player for us, both domestically and in Europe, and is an integral part of the club,” he said.

“We’d love him to be on the pitch, but he will still be supporting the players and passing on his vast amount of experience, particularly when we go over to Poland and play in a hostile environment in front of a 30,000 crowd.”

Darlington has been heartened by what he has seen in the pre-Europe build-up with their wins over Cliftonville and Shrewsbury Town.

“We played three segments of 30 minutes against Shrewsbury, and it was a fantastic performance against a League One side in baking conditions,” he added. “It was 27C on the pitch, which is just what we needed as those are the temperatures we’re going to see in Poland.”

Olympians' Abi crowned Welsh champion

WELSHPOOL athlete Abi Bowers has claimed her third Welsh title of the year after storming to 80m hurdles gold at The Welsh Schools Track and Field Championships.

Bowers, from Welshpool High School and a member of Oswestry Olympians, won the middle girls (under-17) category in a time of 12.2 seconds at Leckwith Stadium in Cardiff.

The 15-year-old followed up that impressive display with a fourth-placed finish in the 200m, clocking 26.66 seconds.

Bowers was representing Powys Schools as was Matt Jones, from Llanfyllin High, who came third in the senior boys 400m.

He ran close to his personal best in a time of 51.4 seconds and he is currently ranked ninth in Wales in his first year in the age group.

Oswestry Olympian Joe Baker, also from Welshpool High, recorded two personal bests in his first year in the middle boys age group, with 11.77m in the triple jump and 54.5s in the 400m to finish fourth and sixth respectively.

Meanwhile, the Olympians also had three representatives competing for Shropshire in the **English Schools Track and Field Championships** at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

Emily Ball, from the Marches School, had won a bronze medal in the junior girls shot in 2012, but chose to compete in the discus this year after reaching the qualifying standard in both disciplines.

Ball, who was one of the youngest girls in her category having moved into the Inter girls age group, threw 35.47m



Oswestry Olympians (from left) Georgia Dixon, Leo Read and Emily Ball representing Shropshire at the English Schools Championships at the Alexander Stadium

to finish seventh, only four metres behind the winner. Georgia Dixon, from Ellesmere College, was also competing in her second English Schools Championships.

With the eventual winner in her heat, Dixon finished in fifth position in the inter girls 80m hurdles but it was not fast enough to reach the semi-finals.

The third Oswestry Olympian was Leo Read, of Wrekin College, who qualified for the inter boys 100m hurdles in his first year over the longer distance. But after hitting his ankle on the first few hurdles he was unable to complete the race.

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